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New REA Lines Bring Electricity to Parmer Homes

Farmer John SEES THINGS

COGITATIONS and APHORISMS of Jodok

A neat manuscript, containing a well written and interesting article was handed to me by the editor of the Friona Star, Monday afternoon. The editor said he found it lying on his desk at the Star office, when he returned there after dinner Monday.

The article was unsigned, so there is no way of identifying the author, but the circumstances surrounding it are such as to infer that it was intended for publication and since the facts contained therein are so lucid and true, and since no harm is said or intended of anybody, and since the editor said he had read it to two of our prominent citizens and they pronounced it good and a true and correct presentation of facts as related to this city and country, and I can find nothing libelous in it, I have decided to use it as my weekly offering this week instead of my usual "effusions."

The manuscript does not say whether the colloquy is real or imaginary, but I am inclined to the belief that it is fictitious. It hits the spot so accurately and covers the ground so thoroughly that I hope my readers will read it in its entirety. It is entitled:

"FRIONA"

The following conversation was overheard on the sidewalk just in front of the post office at Landsburg a small city in the northern part of one of our rich and populous Central States. The conversation was between two of that city's most prominent citizens, Dr. U. R. Fairview and Rev. I. M. Homevestor, and the conversation was concerning six week's vacation and sight-seeing trip, from which the Doctor had just returned.

Rev. Homevestor—"Well, Well, Well! Good morning Dr. Fairview. I had not learned that you were in the city. Just when did you return from your vacation and land-viewing tour, and how did you enjoy it, and what are some of the things you saw and learned?"

Dr. Fairview—"Good morning Rev. Homevestor, I am, indeed, most happy to meet you again, and I assure you I feel thus toward all my dear friends and neighbors, and I shall be happy to relate to you some of my experiences while away from home. It started, as you remember, just six weeks ago, going eastward across West Virginia and Pennsylvania to the 'City of Brotherly Love.' (But for all I could see, it has long since outlived that name.) and spent one day there visiting my nephew, who, by the way, is an attorney and a fair sample of that profession, having a fair practice but worrying himself gray-headed over the continuous attempt to collect earned fees, with which to meet ever recurring expenses. So you see I was not so favorably impressed with the professional life of the large and luxurious city."

Rev. Homevestor—"Very truly! I should not expect you to think much of this; but what about the rural or farming conditions of those states, may I ask?"

Dr. F.—"I found little or nothing there in to entice or interest me. People in those sections find it hard to farm those rough and rugged mountain regions, and have very little to look forward to in the way of any better conditions in the future. True, there is a narrow coastal plain along the Eastern border of Pennsylvania, where the soil is fairly fertile and productive, but the dense population makes the demand for land so great, and the many civic improvements make such exorbitant taxes, that the renter is always in fear of being ejected and the land owner constantly fears a crop failure and a foreclosure or so it appeared to me from my observations."

Rev. H.—"What about the City of Washington, is not that a delightful place to reside and an easy place to secure government jobs with lucrative salaries?"

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Experiment With Rubber Seeds



Rubber experimental stations in 12 Central and South American countries have been established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. E. W. Brandes, left, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., inspect rubber seeds from the Firestone stations. More than 2,000,000 seeds will be planted in an attempt to establish a large commercial rubber industry in the western hemisphere.

Roll Call For County Sets Goal of \$270

"America's national defense efforts require a great expansion of all American Red Cross activities. Therefore we should have 'all-out' support of the greatest membership Roll Call in Red Cross history, to be held from November 11 to 30," states Mrs. R. J. McReynolds, chairman of the Friona chapter.

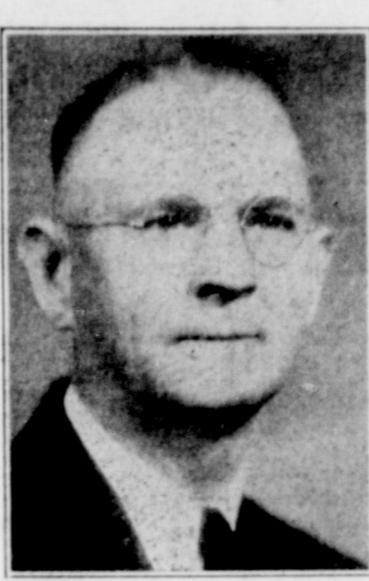
The Friona chapter has been set a quota of 270 members as its share in the national appeal, and Mrs. McReynolds has been appointed with Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson, co-chairman, has expressed the plea that "We must go over the top in this Roll Call because the continuance of the national Red Cross program depends upon the success of the local chapters in its appeal for members."

Funds realized during the Roll Call period will be used to enable the American Red Cross and its chapters to carry on its expanded services to the Army and Navy and to widen its national defense program for the civilian population. Memberships are individual and may be, supporting, \$25, Sustaining, \$10, Contributing, \$5, Annual, \$1. Only 50 cents of each membership fee is used to support National Red Cross Service. The balance remains in the Friona chapter for local work. Red Cross work is supported only by annual membership dues and voluntary contributions. During the past year, almost one-million volunteers contributed millions of working hours to make possible the services which your Red Cross is carrying to the people of the world.

The Red Cross has more than doubled the number of field directors and medical workers in its employ stationed at Army and Navy posts and hospitals. Red Cross staffs are at 185 hospitals and stations covering 900 points of military and naval service. Approximately 200 field directors and assistants are detailed.

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Project Manager



H. V. Hennen, REA Manager, today announced the allotment of \$148,000 for the construction of new rural electric lines in Deaf Smith, Randall, Parmer and Castro Counties.

Announcing an allotment of \$148,000 for the construction of 213 miles of new REA lines, H. V. Hennen, project supervisor, today said that the new construction will bring electricity to many new families in Parmer county.

"Approximately 50 miles of this new allotment will be placed in Parmer County," he declared. Twelve miles of new REA line are now under construction in this area as is a sub-station in the Hub area, eight miles south of Friona on Highway 86.

When the new construction is completed, approximately 300 miles of REA line will be served through the Parmer County sub-station. Most of this line is located in Parmer County and in the northwest portion of Castro County—and constitutes almost one-half of the entire REA project which serves Parmer, Deaf Smith and Castro Counties.

"For the most part construction under the new \$148,000 allotment will be used for extensions for main lines," Mr. Hennen pointed out. "This means that service will be afforded more persons than if a large portion of the money had to be spent in erecting main lines."

Mr. Hennen estimated that approximately 325 new families will be added to the REA service list and that amount will include quite a few in Parmer county.

City Drug Has General Sale

Announcing a store-wide sale of drugs and sundries, J. R. Roden, proprietor of the City Drug Store, today offered unusual bargains to shoppers of this territory in a special ad appearing on the back page of this issue of the Star.

Foremost among the bargains is a special "2-for-the-price-of-1" on School Supplies. In many instances these items are far below actual replacement cost—and soe of the items are very difficult to replace at any cost. Mr. Roden says that he has so increased his stock through recent consolidation with stock from the Corner Drug in Hereford that he is anxious to move some of the merchandise—and that he will sacrifice it in order to give his customers bargains which cannot be duplicated in the entire Panhandle. The complete advertisement will be found on page eight. Specials will be good Friday and Saturday.

Lanelle Brigrance Is Honor Student at W-T

Miss Lanelle Brigrance, of Friona, is one of the 40 high school valedictorians, who was honored at a social given by the Mary E. Hudspeth Honor Society, of West Texas State College. A scholarship equal to a year's tuition was awarded Miss Brigrance for her high school achievement when she enrolled at W. T. S. C.

According to faculty members, Miss Brigrance led on psychology tests by 22 points, in a class of some 375 freshmen. She is majoring in Home Economics and is a graduate of Olton High School, where her entire public school work was done under Superintendent H. P. Webb.

Miss Brigrance is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brigrance, of Friona.

GEORGE McLEAN QUITE ILL

George McLean has been confined to his home since Wednesday of last week, suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy.

He is reported to be slightly improved.

Bible, Tools, Recall Colonial Historic Times

The writer had the pleasure of seeing a copy of the Holy Bible, containing family records dating back nearly 200 years, while visiting in the home of George McLean last Sunday.

This bible contained the record of the death of one, John McLean, who was my friend's grandfather, the record also giving the date of his enlistment as a soldier in the Colonial Army of the Revolutionary War, giving the number of the company and his commanding officer.

It also contained the record of his assignment to the ship, "Bon Homme Richard," under the command of the famous Captain John Paul Jones, on his cruise off the coast of Scotland, when he encountered and captured the British ship, "Serapis."

John McLean was a gunsmith by trade, and it was his duty while aboard the famous ship, to make and repair the guns that were used by the ship's crew.

It was not possible definitely to ascertain the exact age of the Bible, but judging from records contained in it, it must be considerably past the century and a half mark.

Mr. McLean also has in his possession and anvil and a vice.

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Little Business Gets a Chance



Small business men found they could play a part in the nation's defense program, when they met with prime contractors at an OPM Defense Production Clinic in Chicago and were invited to submit contracts for defense orders. Fred E. Strickland, Downers Grove, Ill., art craftsman, knows he can make metal spindles like the one he is holding, for the Army Medical Corps.

Food Economy Is Basic Step In The Conservation Of All Nat'l Resources

Binder, Combine Hands Wanted For Row Crop Harvest

The fair weather of the past week has dried the ground so that farmers are again able to get into their fields to continue harvesting row crops, and they are hoping for a continuance of the favorable weather until the work is done.

Farmers who own binders and combines and are fortunate enough to have their crops cut, are helping their neighbors.

Both machines and hands are in great demand, especially since the freezers have weakened grain stalks and some of the crop is beginning to fall.

"Waste not—want not!" is a maxim thrifty homemakers have always practiced. With every rise in food prices the army of thrifty homemakers gets more recruits.

Today, stopping unnecessary food wastes at home has become much more than a matter of family thrift. It is a basic step in the nationwide movement to conserve all of this country's food resources.

Home economists in the U. S. Department of Agriculture list here many of the ways that food waste in the home may be prevented. They point out that the smallest food waste is never a minor matter. For these tiny wastes happening over and over again, total up to a staggering amount in a month or year for the nation's 34 million homes.

Wastes happen all along the line. So the homemaker has to practice constant watchfulness from the time she buys the food or gets it in from the garden until it appears on the family table.

Groundwork for much waste is laid in unplanned shopping. Wise buyers never shop without their notes which are based on advanced meal plans for the period for which the shopping is being done.

Learning to know marks of quality eliminates much shopping waste. Government grades can help the buyer. Wise shoppers also see that they get their money's worth in quantity. This, too, can be learned from reading labels.

Improper storage is another food thief. A case in point is the prodigious amount of fat wasted in this country through improper storage. Leftover fats

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School Defense Week Shows Good Results Here

Defense Week Show Results

The special week of activities to encourage the buying of postal Saving Stamps has yielded good results. Many students have stamp albums and have started filling them with stamps. The interest that students have shown, is evidence of the true spirit of American unity and patriotism.

Mr. Frank Spring talked to the students on "Reasons for Defense Savings" in the chapel exercise. This chapel exercise was the concluding program of the week.

Awards were made to those students doing outstanding work on the speech contest and the theme contest. Melba Welch won the speech contest and was awarded fifty cents in Postal Saving Stamps. The subject of her speech was "What America Means to Me." June Maurer was the winner of the theme contest for which fifty cents in Postal Saving Stamps was awarded. The theme follows:

"WHAT UNCLE SAM MEANS TO ME"

By JUNE MAURER

As a young child, I always visioned Uncle Sam as I had so often seen him pictured—a lean, rugged, Lincoln type of man with a top hat, cut-a-way coat, and tight-fitting trousers, all made of various parts of the American flag. Next to God and Santa Claus, Uncle Sam was

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Guesses Still Come On Picture Contest

Guesses on the original of the picture shown in the Star two weeks ago, under the caption of "Who Is It," were still coming in last week. Here is one from Rev. John M. Peyton, of Incas, O., who had not seen Mr. Reeve for eighteen years.

Lucas, Ohio, 11-5-41

"We are interested in the picture in the Star. It has been some 18 years since we have seen Floyd Reeve, but we recognized him immediately. We had never seen him with whiskers, but the whiskers do not conceal his identity. Perhaps it is his eyes that give him away. But there is something that is characteristic about his general make-up. If I should hear him speak I think I could recognize his voice. You see I never forget my friends. My, how we would like to drop in some day and get another look at our old time friends.

Cordially yours,
John M. Peyton.

Home Demonstration Club Open House, Nov. 15

"Come see what we have done" is the invitation extended to the public for Saturday, Nov. 15, by Parmer County Home Demonstration Clubs. The annual achievement event is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p. m. at the Bovina School gym.

Each club will present one phase of the 1941 program in exhibit. Exhibits will be open to inspection beginning at 1:00 p. m. Some of the titles selected for exhibits are "Attractive Everyday Food for Defense," "Home Made Christmas Gifts," "A Well Dressed Bed," "Work Clothes for Women," "Fifty Articles Made from Flour Sacks,"

"A business Center for the Home," "The Texas Food Standard," "Dark Cereals and Breads," "The Home Maker and National Defense," and "Penny-wise Cookery." Another feature of the exhibits will be a display arranged by Oleta Thompson and Mary D. Christian, Parmer County entries in the Texas 4-H Scholarship Contest.

Mrs. A. H. Boatman, Council Chairman, will preside throughout the afternoon. The program will begin at 2:00 p. m.

Welcome—Mrs. Hilery Tidenburg, President Bovina Home Demonstration Club.

Introduction of Guest—Miss

Kate Adele, District Agent, Mrs. Warren G. Kennedy, president Texas Home Demonstration Ass'n., Mrs. O. R. Copeland, District vice-president, Miss Lillie Gentry, Bailey County Home Demonstration Agent, Mr. Lee McElroy, Parmer County Agent.

Parade of Dresses—Clothing Demonstrators, Basic Dresses, House Dresses, Work clothes designed by Bureau of Home Economics. Made over Dresses, Knitted garments.

Everyday Food for National Defense—Elsie Cunningham, Home Demonstration Agent assisted by Oklahoma Lane Club.

Reception—Bovina Home Demonstration Club.

Before the meeting was closed an invitation was extended to ask questions. But that part of the program did not work so good, as some of the questions seemed to be of a heckling nature. The question and answer part of the program did not last long.

The great crowd dispersed in an orderly, quiet manner. Little groups solemnly started toward their respective home counties. Regardless as to what part of the state they were traveling, th anxious hope was for fair weather. They all had work to do on their home farms. The Am-

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SOCIETY

Coldirons Have Family Dinner

A very enjoyable day was spent Sunday in the D. H. Coldiron home and a buffet dinner was served in the afternoon.

Guests were Mrs. Roy Jenkins of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Crow and baby of Cross Roads, N. M., Charles White of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Henry White and children, Mrs. C. D. Carter and daughters, Carol-dean, Wynona and Zada and Jim Coldiron.

Engagement of Friona Man Announced

Information has reached the Star office announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of Stanley P. Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Massey of Friona, to Miss Joyce Alexander of Seagraves. Miss Alexander is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Alexander of Artesia, N. M., from whose home the announcement was made.

Mr. Massey is connected with the First State Bank of Seagraves, and his bride-to-be is connected with the Tri-County Investment Company, of Artesia.

The wedding will take place at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23, with the Rev. John S. Rankin of the First Baptist Church of Seagraves officiating. The

WMU Has Book Study At Regular Meeting

Both circle of the W. M. U. of the local Baptist Church, are invited and urged to attend a "book study" to be held at the Baptist Church, Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 1:00 p. m.

Members of the W. M. U. will discuss the book by chapters. The title of the book is "These Things Remain." This is a missionary study book and it should prove very interesting, so be sure to be present.

Club Has Meeting With Mrs. Daniels

The Help Your Neighbor Club met on Wednesday afternoon at the club room. Mrs. T. E. Daniels was hostess to several members, who spent a pleasant evening piecing quilt blocks and embroidering.

This meeting was the first since the dismissal, which was caused by the rush of fall work.

The next meeting will be sponsored by Mrs. Billy Alderson, at her home, Nov. 20. An all-day meeting is planned. The ladies were asked to bring a covered dish, and their husbands are welcome to attend the dinner.

A couple will be honored with the presence of their parents for the ceremony.

President and Guests at Church Service



Distinguished churchgoers of the Little Dutch Reformed Church, Hyde Park, N. Y., included the heads of three governments recently. Six-year-old Beth Schuster presents a bouquet of flowers to Princess Juliana of the Netherlands as the Rev. L. A. Talman looks on. In center, FDR smiles broadly as he stands with Thomas Qualters, his aide. At right are Mrs. Roosevelt and Canada's Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Walther League Meets At Kamradt Residence

The Walther League Society of Rhea Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church met Sunday night, Nov. 9 in the home of Oscar and Alfred Kamradt, with 12 members present.

After a short business meeting the evening was enjoyed with a Bible baseball game and the practicing of Christmas carols. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kamradt.

George McLean Celebrates 68th Birthday Sunday

Mr. Gerge McLean, long-time resident, celebrated his sixty-eighth birthday at his home here Sunday.

In honor of the event Mrs. McLean had invited two guests, Mrs. George Maurer and John White. It was also the birthday of Mrs. Maurer, so the occasion was a double birthday celebration.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT Of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Rhea, Texas.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity. Sunday School and Bible Class at 2:15 p. m.

Divine Services at 3:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

Karl W. Kelbe, Pastor.

LOCALS

Judge and Mrs. F. T. Schlenker and their small granddaughter, Florence Dean, were dinner guests of Rev and Mrs. C. Carl Dollar, Sunday.

Mrs. Buford Hughes shopped in Hereford Saturday.

Mrs. Doyle De Buske and Jan Lilla Rusy visited in Hereford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams and Rose visited in Amarillo Sunday.

Mr. D. K. Roberts of Farwell attended the American Legion meeting here Tuesday night.

Mrs. Charlie Hughes who underwent an operation last week in the Hereford Hospital returned to her home Tuesday.

Rev. Joe Wilson, pastor of the Baptist Church, is spending part of this week at the Baptist Convention, being held at Abilene.

Miss Ruth Thomas, of Lubbock, who has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Wright, returned to her home Wednesday.

HOME FOR WEEK END
All the sons and daughters of

Mayor and Mrs. F. W. Reeve, who are away teaching school, came home to spend the week end with their parents.

They were Hadley Reeve, who teaches at Perryton; Miss Ruth who teaches at Darrouzett; Miss Mary, of Pampa, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeve, of Hereford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Anderson, of Farwell, spent Armistice Day here with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shackleford. Mr. Anderson is cashier of the Security State Bank, of Farwell, and Mrs. Anderson is a sister of Mr. Shackleford. They formerly lived at Friona.

C-H-D-A NOTES

By Elsie Cunningham

One green leafy vegetable now available in large quantities is cabbage.

Cabbage is also valuable vegetable in food values, however, it is very easy to destroy or lose these food alues unless the cook understands how to handle cabbage.

First let us consider the food values in cabbage. Cabbage eaten raw is an excellent source of Vitamin C. It is a fair source of Vitamin B-1. In addition, cabbage is a good source of Vitamin A, iron and calcium. It is important here to point out that the green outer leaves of the cabbage are more valuable for Vitamin A than the bleached inner leaves.

Just a word about cooking cabbage. Important points to remember are to leave a lid off the pan, not to over cook, and use only enough water to cover cabbage. Leaving the lid off the pan keeps the cabbage from having too strong an odor and makes for better flavor. Also, it keeps the pale green color of the outer leaves intact. Cooked this way, shredded cabbage takes only 5 to 10 minutes.

There are other interesting ways to prepare cabbage besides boiling it. Here are three of my favorite recipes:

Cabbage Casserole
1 No. 2 can chili con carne or 1 can beef and 1 t. chili powder
1 qt cabbage cut into small sections.
1 t. salt
Fat from the can of meat

Mix the chili powder with the meat. Grease a dish and place the chili con carne or the meat with the chili powder in a mound in the center of it. Arrange the cabbage sections. Sprinkle with salt on the cabbage and dot the fat over it. Cover the dish loosely and bake in a moderate oven (350 F) until the cabbage is done—about 30 minutes.

Scalloped Cabbage
2 cups of cooked cabbage, 1 cup white sauce, buttered

crumbs. Alternate layers of cabbage and white sauce in casserole until all are used. Sprinkle top with buttered crumbs. Bake in moderate oven until thoroughly heated and crumbs are brown

Try This Cream Dressing With Shredded Cabbage
1 cup thick cream, sweet or sour
6 tablespoons vinegar
4 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1-2 teaspoon white pepper cayenne

Add vinegar and seasoning to cream and stir until sugar is dissolved. Pour over shredded cabbage just before serving. Much of the Vitamin C content is lost in salads when prepared a long time before they are served.

If Shoe Fits, Borrow It . . .

Lubbock.—If the skirt, sweater, or anklets fits you, wear it, is the modern coed's version of an ancient adage, judging by a recent survey of clothes-borrowing habits at Texas Tech. Estimates on habitual borrowing from friends and roommates ranged from 30 to 95 per cent of the women students enrolled, with an average of 72 per cent, yet only 54 per cent of the young women polled admitted borrowing themselves. Sweaters were most frequently loaned, with jewelry, anklets and skirts tying for second position. Ribbons, evening dresses,

blouses and jackets were least likely to be passed around. Borrowing etiquette, it was agreed, stipulated early return of borrowed finery, raparl of damage or soil, and a willingness to lend one's own wearing apparel.

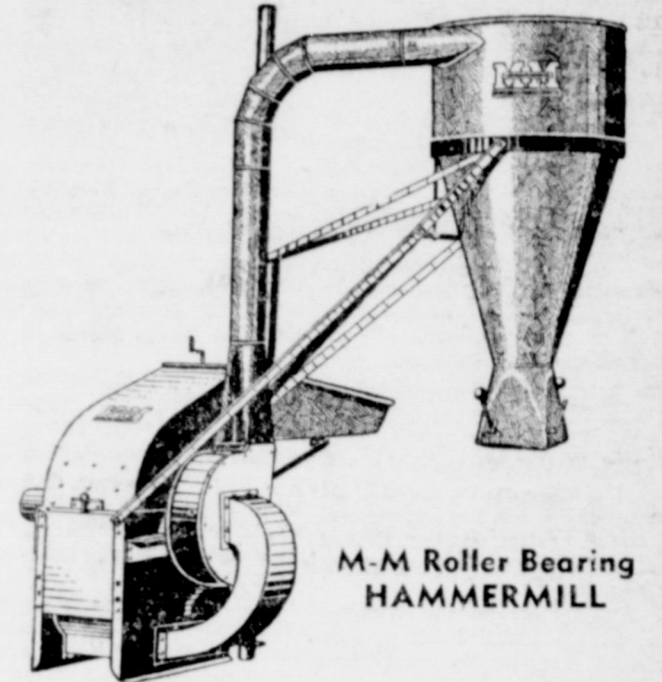
One young woman recounted her most tragic experience as lending a \$10 hat when she was a freshman and having it returned "looking as if it had been sat on or run over by a car." Another recalled tearing her roommate's skirt on a car bumper, and a third had strong cheap perfume poured on a borrowed sweater from which the odor never disappeared.

Dike Builders Making Good Progress

The crew and equipment of Cook & Ransom, contractors who are building the large dike here for the Santa Fe Railroad, have been making good progress during the past week.

The company had been severely handicapped for the past few weeks owing to the immense amount of rain that had fallen, making it too wet to continue the work, sometimes for several days at a time, but with the fair weather of the past week their work has been making rapid progress.

For EXTRA Feed Profits



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Many farmers know that four bushels of ground feed is equal in food value to five bushels of unground feed. A large number of progressive farmers and stockmen have found through their experiences that it pays to grind grain corn, hay, and other roughage for feeding purposes. If you have as few as ten milk cows or beef cattle, you can easily make the M-M Hammermill pay big profits, besides making the same money by feeding ground feed to hogs, lambs, and even poultry. Then there is always the possibility of grinding at a profit for your neighbors. There are times when selling your grain and corn on the market would net you a big loss, whereas by grinding and feeding, thousands of farmers have made money at even lowest prices.

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Cafeteria Needs Tableware For Increased Service

The committee of the Friona Parent-Teachers Association in charge of the school cafeteria, have planned to extend the service of the cafeteria, so that instead of the 100 students now being served, 300 may be accommodated.

New equipment, plates, glasses, knives and forks and spoons—will be needed for this increased service and the committee is requesting that any person wishing to donate such equipment will please bring it to the cafeteria or to the T. J. Crawford Store.

Mike Whitefield Joins U. S. Army Air Corps

Weldon (Mike) Whitefield left Sunday for Lubbock to enlist in the U. S. Army Air Corps. He expects to be sent to Kelly Field, San Antonio.

Young Whitefield, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whitefield, who live southeast of Friona, had volunteered for the service several months ago.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. REID

The 150th anniversary of the birth of Lowell Mason, America's first public school music teacher, and equally distinguished as the composer of hundreds of hymn tunes still used throughout the world and by every Christian denomination, will be observed on Jan. 8, 1942. Special observances in public schools are being fostered by the Music Educators National Conference and its affiliated organizations in almost every state; and special programs and services in churches throughout the United States are being planned under the leadership of the Hymn Society of America. Observances will include a service and placing of a plaque at the grave of Dr. Mason in the Rosedale Cemetery, East Orange, N. J., and at the nearby church where he was organist for many years; and a nationwide dinner on the same evening in New York City.

According to the Rev. G. K. King, a missionary of the United Church of Canada, serving in Honan Province, China, a number of Chinese Christians have

organized a "Gospel Brick Kiln" in that section. The sixty shareholders are all Christians, and each share is worth \$100. The shares are non-profit-bearing, and the proceeds are all used for the Christian church. Meanwhile an eight-hour day has been established, there is no Sunday labor, and workmen are given more generous treatment than are men in similar work anywhere else in Honan. They are planning to impress scripture texts upon some of the earthenware they manufacture.

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Dr. F.—"Nothing doing. The demand for such jobs is one hundred times in excess of the supply, and aristocratic and social demands have taken all the joy out of living in that city. But proceeding southward along the Atlantic coast one sees some fairly good farming land, much of which, however, has had the life taken out of it by continuous farming to a very small variety of crops; but there I found the land lords and wealthier classes living in comfortable conditions, but showing little progress during the past several generations.

"Rev. H.—"But surely, you visited Florida, the land of flowers, bright sunshine and pleasing ocean breezes; and beyond a doubt, you found there, what most appealed to you as 'A Land of Pure Delight'?"

Dr. F.—"You are partly right in your surmise as to Florida. It is, indeed, a beautiful land, and rightly termed 'A land of flowers,' and if one is so wealthy that he may become the owner of one of those magnificent orange or grapefruit groves, with nothing to do but to reap the proceeds from it, he might find that state a delightful land in which to live. But, unfortunately, very few of the people there, are so happily blessed, and the great masses have little to look forward to other than the hope of securing employment from the wealthy few. And so I found conditions as I journeyed westward through all the 'Gulf States,' until I reached the mouth of the Rio Grande river near Brownsville."

Rev. H.—"But surely you found many things of unusual interest in the way of varying landscapes, varying crops and the varying social, moral and industrial conditions of the people?"

Dr. F.—"Yes, truly one should expect to find much of interest along these lines in so long a journey, but, really, there was little difference. The principal crops were much the same from the City of Washington, throughout the trip to the point I have just named. Social, moral and religious conditions are much the same as they were years ago, while the methods of agriculture and the kind of agricultural implements are much the same as they are reported to have been many years ago, with the exception of a few scattered localities. On reaching the far-famed 'Magic Valley' and 'Winter Gardens,' of the Rio Grande country, I truly expected a wondrous revelation, and it is indeed beautiful to behold, but there I still found the farmer and the common laborer in little, if any, better circumstances than in much of the territory I had just passed over. True, they raise wonderful crops of citrus fruits and winter vegetables; but the expense of spraying, pruning, fertilizing and irrigating, especially, when added to the transportation charges of getting these excellent products to the consuming markets, consumes practically all of the profits.

Rev. H.—"Well, Doctor, it seems to appear that you have had your long journey for nothing."

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ing, or at least it seems you did not find that for which you were looking. Dou you consider your tour of this great farming country, including the great 'southwest,' a fruitless one, so far as having found anything better, is concerned?"

Dr. F.—"No, indeed I do not, Brother Homevteor, and I am just now coming to the most interesting and the most remarkable part of the story. Having spent a few days in the 'Magic Valley,' I then turned my face in a direction that would soon bring me homeward. Traveling in a northwesterly direction, a two-days journey brought me into and unto, what in my opinion may be justly termed 'The Food Store House of the Nation,' the great Texas Panhandle country, and, after passing through a number of cities and towns, some larger, some smaller, I came near the close of that second day, to that small city, which, I sincerely believe, should be termed, 'The Pearl of the Plains,' Friona, Texas. Spelled F R I O N A, and pronounced—'Free-o-na.'"

Rev. H.—"Aye, truly, Doctor, I am becoming profoundly interested in your narrative, for, having passed through so large a territory of all agricultural country, without having found anything to attract more than a passing interest, this country and city which you now speak of must be of exceedingly unusual merit and distinctiveness. May I ask just what it is that has attracted your special attention?"

Dr. F.—"That is exactly what I shall be pleased to tell you, for, as another writer has said: 'Friona is like a lustrous pearl set amid a cluster of emeralds.' And with such comparison you will agree, should climb, even to the top of one of the several windmill towers, within the city, you will see Friona, with the varied luster or shading of its buildings, forming the 'pear,' and the surrounding of beautiful green fields, separated by highways, bi-ways and partition fences, truly representing its cluster of 'emeralds' amid which it is set. To begin with Friona is located near the center of a vast area of rich, level farming land, and is the commercial center of this area, as well as the social center and the intellectual and religious center. The land surrounding it is not only level, but is intensely fertile and is well adapted to the bountiful production of two of the nation's leading and staple money crops,—both of which do equally well there, which is perhaps true of no other similar area of the United States. During the wheat harvest season of 1931, over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from Friona, which in its cultivation and harvesting proved that territory to be abreast of the time in the use of the latest and most modern types of farm machinery. The fields were tilled and the crops sown with large tractor-drawn plows and seeding machines and harvested by large tractor-drawn combines, cutting and threshing at one act at the rate of 40 to 60 acres per day. For that year, Friona held the honor of having shipped the largest amount of home grown wheat of any wheat shipping point in the United States."

Rev. H.—"Well, well! That is truly astonishing as to wheat, but how about the cotton production?"

Dr. F.—"The cotton growers there told me, and their statement was verified by the gin operator, that during the past few years that cotton has been grown there, it has averaged around a half bale to the acre, which, I am told, is an unusual average even for the old and established growing sections. In addition to the wheat and cot-

ton production, the Friona country is becoming quite popular as a corn producing section and is a natural home for all varieties of sorghum grains, and therefore a profitable hog producing country. During the past decade, or longer, it has proved to be quite popular as a dairy country, also. With many car loads of poultry and poultry products being shipped from there each year—all of which tends to make it one of the best all-around farming countries I have ever visited and calculated to win the admiration of all enterprising and progressive men, who are fortunate enough to visit there."

Rev. H.—"That must truly be a wonderful country as to farming, but what about the people and their attitude toward education and intellectual and moral progress?"

Dr. F.—"In regard to education and educational facilities, Friona has two large ten-room school buildings—a two-story building for the grades with an auditorium seating 500 people; and a one-story building for the high schools, with a large and thoroughly up-to-date gymnasium, and a large athletic field, lighted by strong flood lights, for night playing, so that the school is fully abreast of the time with regard to athletics. The high school has full state affiliations so that its graduates can enter any institution of learning without further preparation. It has a faculty of 19 of the best teachers that can be secured. Friona has an efficient and well operated municipal water system, and the city is supplied with an abundance of the purest water to be found anywhere on earth. Thus pure air, pure water and plenty of sunshine combined to make it one of the most healthful localities in the world."

Rev. H.—"Then, surely think of locating there permanently, especially for the practice of your profession?"

Dr. F.—"Truly not, since they already have one of the most successful doctors in the country located there. He is a successful surgeon as well, and fully capable of taking care of the needs of the people in his professional line. But if I do locate there it will be simply to enjoy the benefits of its rich agricultural wealth, and I would establish a health resort in connection with one of the most complete and efficient sanitariums to be found between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, so that ailing from over

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