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OIL DEVELOPMENT STILL GOING FORWARD IN THIS SECTION

Basil C. Cairns was in town Monday and said that conditions in and around Clairmont, Kent County, were fine. Cultivating and other farm work being pushed. He has quite a number of bees and his honey has the reputation of being the best in all of West Texas, besides his roses and other flower plants, also fruit trees, he has several thousand strawberry plants looking to a large production before the spring is over.

The Texas Company well west of Clairmont and about 30 miles South of Spur is reported at a depth of 2800 feet and still in hard rock, they have been shut down for a little over a week, but say that they will start up again shortly, it is to be hoped they do and its a thorough test in justice to the land owners from whom they hold leases.

The Pitchfork well is reported down around 1200 feet and have been making some changes and repairs for pushing down more rapidly this is hoped will be the case as there has been much delay and unnecessary expense in the development. They claim it will now be pursued to completion. This well is about 25 miles northeast of Spur.

Reese Ward, of Swenson, was in our city Thursday greeting friends and looking after business affairs. Mr. Ward said that the people of his community had been watching the alfalfa movement in Dickens County and that many farmers at Swenson were planting a few acres now. In addressing the Rotary Club at the noon luncheon he praised Spur and Dickens County stating that people here are making much progress and in a commendable way.

The derrick at the new Davis well is now up and they are getting their engine, other machinery piping, etc., are coming in and will be delivered as it arrives. The new well will be drilled on section 311 about one mile east of the old well in which they claim to have lost two sets of tools at depth of 1800 feet also claiming a slight showing of oil and gas. They will have the rig completed and the engine set by Saturday night. This well is located on section 311 instead of 313 as stated last week.

The Deep Rock well about 25 miles South and a little west of Spur is expected to have all repairs made caused by fire which burned down their derrick, and start operations during the present month. This well is supposed to down about 1800 feet.

A geologist of wide experience says that each location looks good for oil but it may be necessary to sink a number of holes before locating the pool. That their location justify the test if carried on to such an extent as to thoroughly test each location. It is better to have no test than an incomplete one.—Contributed.

George Harris, formerly of McAdoo, but now living at Lubbock, was greeting his many friends and looking after business here Thursday. He says business is a little dull just now, but that everything will be all right.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smiley, of Roaring Springs, were doing some trading in our city Thursday.

H. Jackson, of Roaring Springs, was greeting friends on our streets yesterday.

NORTHWEST TEXAS MISSIONARY CONFERENCE HELD AT LUBBOCK

The Conference of the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. Church, convened with the First Methodist church at Lubbock Tuesday afternoon. Delegates began to arrive early for the opening and when the session began at 2:30 there were 178 delegates enrolled. Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, of Abilene, presided at the afternoon session. The principal feature was the memorial services conducted by Mrs. J. G. Merritt, of Colorado.

At 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the delegates enjoyed a reception at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. E. White of the Lubbock Church. A beautiful color scheme was carried out for this occasion and a very delicious repast enjoyed.

The evening services were presided over by Mrs. George C. Wolfarth, of Lubbock. There was a procession of the district officers followed by a very fine program. Rev. E. E. White, pastor of the Lubbock Church, addressed the Conference congratulating the great organization and its work. Mrs. Rollins made her report which was divided into three parts: 1. The historical side, giving a brief work of the Conference for the past 16 years. 2. Personnel—Each conference officer inducing herself and telling her duties. 3. The work that is outlined to be accomplished. Miss Christine Allen, a returned Missionary made a very fine address at the evening session.

Wednesday morning was taken up largely with reports from the different District Secretaries and Conference Treasurer's report. This report showed that Stamford District, in which Spur Church is located, had

raised \$34,096.77 during the past year. There was a great service conducted at the noon Bible hour by Mrs. J. W. Downes, of Nashville, Tenn. The scripture used was the twenty-first chapter of John.

At the noon hour Wednesday the delegates had increased to over three hundred.

Miss Mattie Mae Swisher, Secretary of the Student Organization at Canyon City, made her report in regard to the student work which was very interesting. Also Mrs. Gabie Betts Burton, of Clarendon, corresponding secretary, for the Conference, made a very fine report on the history of work accomplished the past twenty years. During all this time Mrs. Burton has been associated in an official manner with the Conference, but stated that she could not take the work any longer.

Mrs. Frank J. Potts, Director of the Belle Bennett Memorial for Scarrett Bible and Training School at Nashville, called for reports from representatives of different auxiliaries that had paid the amount of five dollars per capita to the fund. There was an offering made for this fund, Mrs. Nat Rollins making a pledge of \$100 in honor of her daughter.

Much interest was shown in children's work. Mrs. Huckaby, of Perryton, presented certificates to the different auxiliaries that were on the honor roll.

The delegates were entertained with tea at the Tech College Wednesday afternoon, then they were favored with a drive over the city.

The session of the conference will close about noon today, with a record for the greatest meeting of its kind ever held in its history.

Those attending from Spur were: Mesdames J. C. Keen, C. Fite, C. B. Jones, Jack Rector, J. E. Morris, Rogers, O. R. Maples, J. M. Foster, T. H. Blackwell, G. L. Barber, Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Smith, and Mrs. C. Hogan and Miss Jennie Salem, Etta Fite, Francis Morris and Horton Barnett.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY APRIL 22

The Senior Class of the Spur High School will give their annual class play at the School Auditorium Thursday evening, April 22. The title of the play is "Fashful Mr. Bobbs," a farce comedy in three acts. This is one of Walter Ben Hare's plays, and everybody knows he writes good plays. And with the excellent talent that is in our senior class this year this program will be one of the very best yet. Don't forget the date and don't forget to be present.

TEXAS LEAGUE—THURSDAY

Steers takes the third game away from the Panther Cats in a hot contest. Result by innings:
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Batteries: Martin and Query; William son and Wilder.

Peacock at Spur

Spur 20; Peacock 40

J. C. Wooley, of McAdoo, one of the progressive farmers and very fine citizens of our county, was transacting business affairs here yesterday.

T. S. Birdwell, manager of the Spur Waterworks, left Thursday for Anson, to visit his children.

Mrs. Hellen Harrison, of the Pitch Fork Ranch was doing some shopping with our merchants Thursday.

Sam Putman, of Elton, was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium Thursday on account of Pneumonia.

DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION WIPES ROARING SPRINGS ALMOST OFF MAP

Roaring Springs, thirty-six miles north of here, suffered greatly from a fire which occurred about 2 o'clock last Friday morning. The fire originated in the Mayfield drug store from an unknown cause. When discovered the entire store was in flames.

The water works for the town had been out of commission for some time and as a result of this, there was no water with which to control the fire. The town is well equipped with good fire hose and other fire fighting equipment and would have been able to save most of the building had there been any water supply.

The businesses that incurred a loss were: Mayfield Drug Store, Love Mercantile Company, Dr. J. F. Hughes office, the Western Hardware company, Keahey Grocery, the Odd Fellows and Masonic Halls. These were complete loss by fire.

The building containing the town-site office and the Roaring Springs News was destroyed in the conflagration, but not entirely by fire. Being a frame building the west wall of the Keahey Grocery fell on it, crushing it in, and it is approximately a complete loss. All so the west wall of the First State Bank is greatly damaged as a result of the fire.

Most all the firms housed by the building were carrying insurance. However, there is a great loss to the people.

This little town has suffered many fire since it began building, and practically all of them were in the late hours of the night. The east block on the same street burned in 1924 and has never been rebuilt. It is thought that this section will be replaced by new buildings, part of them being built during the summer.

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How are you feeling? Can you smile out loud? Or do you feel that the world is all wrong but you, and are not too sure you are right? The world is alright. If we keep our faces toward the sunshine, the shadow will fall behind us.

Say, folks, we wrote an ad three weeks ago, one sunny day, and told how we loved Spring and what an inspiration it was to us and should be to all of us and before the printer's ink was dry, the snow was flying and the wind whistling the tune of December. Anyway, Spring will soon come and the snow and rain will only add to its beauty. And we will soon forget the extra coal bills we had to pay and can take down the old stove and hide it away, feeling that it will not be needed again for a long, long time.

A professor was deep in his work when his wife called, "Harry, the baby swallowed the ink. Whatever shall I do?"

"Write with a pencil," was the dreamy reply. We all need to be ready to cope with emergencies.

Most of you know we put on a "Big Grocery Special" last year and that we are continuing same. We are buying our groceries in large quantities, discounting our bills and selling for cash and if you want a great bargain in groceries, it will pay you to visit our grocery department. Here you will find real quality, kept clean and sold at prices that will surprise you. We want your cash grocery business. Our grocery business has been good this year. We want to make it better and are going to do so if quality and price combined are appreciated. If you haven't ever traded in our grocery department, give us a trial order and be convinced of the values we are giving during this year of "Grocery Specials". We want to put Spur more fully on the map as

the place to buy groceries.

A young man seated himself in a dentist's chair. He wore a wonderful striped shirt and even more wonderful checked suit, the trouser legs of which reached past his toes; his shoes were loud tan; his tie the brightest red, his finger-nails showed the Camel's stain and he had the vacant stare that goes with these. "I'm afraid to give him gas," the dentist said to his assistant. "Why," asked the assistant. "Well," said the dentist, "how will I know when he is unconscious?"

Say folks, do you appreciate the fact that we are offering you in Spur the opportunity of trading at a general store that we do not believe has an equal in a town the size of Spur in Texas. Our store has the combined buying power of fifteen large stores and purchases reach the million mark and more.

"Come on with the crowds to the Blue Front and bring the children." BRYANT-LINK CO.

Goes to Greenville on Sad Mission

R. E. Dickson, Superintendent of the Spur Experiment Station, left Sunday morning for Greenville, Texas, being summoned there on account of his mother's death. Mr. Dickson drove to Sweetwater, where he boarded a T. & P. train through.

His mother, Mrs. H. J. Dickson, had been in very poor health for sometime and for the past several months there had been little hopes for her recovery. In conversation with Mr. Dickson some two months ago he said: "Mother can't be with us much longer. Her age and long affliction has weakened her greatly and there is no chance for her recovery."

The many friends of Mr. Dickson join in extending him sympathy in this sad hour.

NOTICE!

SALE CONTINUES FOR ONE WEEK

ON ACCOUNT OF THE WEATHER AND THE BAD ROAD CONDITIONS MANY OF YOU THAT WANTED TO ATTEND OUR SALE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO SO

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ALL DRUGGIST

On Top of the World

God's in his heaven;
All's right with the world.
He who quotes those two lines of Browning's usually does so because he has what he happens to want. Those that suffer worry and strive in vain do not feel that "all is well with the

world." They do not criticize Providence or divine management, but far removed from the top of the world that they long for, they bemoan their fate, criticize and denounce the selfishness of other human beings, and feel that all is not well.

What is worth while? And where is the "top of the world" upon which so many think they are "sitting pretty"? Each of us, men and women, boys and girls has his ideal, his ambitions and locates his "top of the world" to suit his wishes.

The little boy thinks that if he could have a gun, a barrel full of candy, a sled, a knife and no school, he would be "on top of the world."

Ten years later as he gazes upon some lovely charmer, he believes that a life of perfect happiness with her would be "the top of the world" and higher. Too often, he finds, through his own fault he was mistaken about that.

Man ambition, his "top of the world," depends upon his education, physical condition, age, supply of nervous energy, ancestors and surroundings make us.

Born in the African jungle there is no possibility of ambition, for there is nothing there to stir up.

Born in a millionaire's house there is little chance of ambition. Flattery in youth, money that come without effort, every whim satisfied without work—all that means killing ambition.

From country to country, from century to century, and from period to period of our lives, our character, wishes and ambitions change.

Read once more one of the best things ever written, Shakespeare's description of the seven stages of man. No matter how often you have read it you will find something new. The world to him is a stage and all the men and women merely players.

While they are merely players they are players seeking for the limelight, for the center of the stage, and that place in the theatre is the "top of the world." This is how Shakespeare describes man's seven ages:

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players.
They have their exit and entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.

And then the whining school boy, with his satchel
And shinning morning face, creeping like a snail
Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,
Sighing like a furnace, with a woeful ballad

Made to his mistress' eyebrow. Then a soldier,
Full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard;
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick to quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation

Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the justice,
In fair round belly with good capon lined,
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances;

As so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slipshod pantaloon,
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side;
His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide

For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice,
Turning again toward childish treble, pipes
And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all,
That ends his strange evenful history,

In second childishness and mere oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

In all those seven ages, there are varied desires, changing ambitions. The infant wants to walk a few steps, the "whining schoolboy" would like to play instead of going to school, and

so down to that last scene that ends this strange eventful history.

Extreme old age, too often, not knowing what things are really worth, clings to wealth that can no longer be used for pleasure. The "top of the world" is the top of the money bag.

Ambition with its different "tops of the world" reaches from the ridiculous to the sublime, as feeble human beings understand the sublime.

Each of us look upon the world as an oyster, from which something worth while can be extracted.

Why, then, the world's mine oyster, Which I with sword will open.

After the oyster is open some of us are satisfied if we can extract three meals a day with freedom from worry. Others, like Alexander the Great, having conquered the world, sighs because there are no more worlds to conquer.

Others "with deep conviction" would repeat Sidney Smith's warning: "Avoid shame, but do not seek glory—nothing so expensive as glory."

To most of us, freedom from worry, plus a few ordinary pleasures represent the height of ambition. Not to be worried, not to be driven, not to work hard. Such a fate contents the average man.

There is only one position that can really be called "the top of the world," and that is a position in which the man or woman is doing the best, most useful, most worthwhile thing that he or she can do.

Whether your accomplishments be little or big, important to the whole world, or unimportant, your place is secure. You are entitled to honor and congratulation if you are doing the best that you can do.

One man controls vast armies, wins with his intellect a great war, and decides the destiny of nations.

He is on top.

Another man, name unknown, obeys orders, marches against machine guns falls riddled with bullets. He is dead, soon picked up and carried off with other corpses. But he also is on top, for he has done his best. We also amount to so little that a few years smooth out the difference among us.

Of the four pictures, the one that will interest readers and make them think is that of the man in his library. He is at the bottom of many shelves of books, but if he adds the knowledge of those books to his own and uses what he knows, producing something worth while, he is the one "on top of the world."

There are fortunately thousands of such men, working late into the night in the cities, studying the stars in the astronomical observatories, working out scientific problems in chemistry, physics, electricity in the laboratories.

The powers of nature makes the world go around, safely spinning in its track about the sun. The powers of those higher intellects, ceaselessly working, make the human race move up higher and keep civilization moving while the earth moves.

In the eye of eternal justice perhaps we are all of us doing about the best we can do, considering heredity, environment and opportunity or the last of it.

The monkey is content with his peanuts. They represent the top of the world to him. That is the best he knows.

The miser with his gold is content. He is simply a different kind of a monkey, with a different kind of a peanut, his mind concentrated on the golden peanut that he cannot eat.

The dancing gentleman has his brain on his feet, but he is not to be blamed for that; and young, he may change later and shift the scene of his activity.

"Every man is as heaven made him, sometimes a great deal worse," as Sancho Panza said. It is not for one to criticize the other, but for each to find his place on "top of the world"—his little world—by doing the best he can to be useful to the big world.

There is no such thing as failure to the man that really tries, and often failure that seems most complete is, in reality, glorious victory.

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MORNIN' MRS. PURDY WHAT YOU ALL GWIN' PLANT?

ONIONS!

JOI DE VOI CLUB

A delightful party was that given by Mr. and Mrs. Elma Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fox, when they entertained the Joi de Voi Club last Thursday evening.

After a few games of bridge Mrs. Dan Zachery was given high score prize, a beautiful reed tray, and Dr. M. A. Brannen received high score for the men, and was given an attractive bronze finished mantlepiece. Second score favors went to Mrs. Alvis Hull, a colorful parrot, and Mr. J. E. Hall, a unique ash tray.

Those present at this pretty party were:

Drs. and Mesdames D. H. Zachery, M. H. Brannen, Messrs and Mesdames Alvis Hull, J. E. Hall, Murray Lea, S. P. Schrimsher, Roy Harkey and Jack Rector.

Americans Off For Farthest Point orth

Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd and forty seven volunteers who hope to lift the mystery from much of the unexplored Arctic, are on their way.

With mingled whistles and shouts of farewell and Godspeed echoing in their wake, the steamship Chantier, bearing the polar expedition sailed away from the Brooklyn Navy Yard last week and pointed her prow toward Spitzbergen and the North Pole.

In the hold of the Chantier was a giant tri-motored Fokker monoplane and a smaller curviss Oriole plane. They will be used by Byrd in his trans polar flight—the little one to be used as an emergency plane.

The Chantier started just one day before the sixteenth anniversary of the discovery of the pole by Admiral Peary. Confident that this feat would be repeated from the air by the Byrd expedition was shared by all members.

"I have every hope that we will meet with success," said Commander Byrd. "The uncertainties of Arctic exploration—especially air exploration of the Arctic—are well known, but we have the greatest possible confidence in our men, in our material and in our instruments."

"The clean sport and adventurous side of this expedition appeal to every man going on it. That is the kind of men we are taking. But, also, every one has high hopes that the great efforts we have put into this expedition will accomplish something useful to progress."

"We are leaving equipped with the knowledge gained by years of sacrifice and struggle of intrepid Arctic explorers of the past, and we are especially indebted to Admiral Peary, the greatest of them all."

Lieut. Bird and his men are only one of three expeditions which will race against time this Spring in an effort to reach the North Pole before the Arctic mists and fogs make flying in this region impossible.

Captain George Hubert Wilkins and one member of the Detrolia Arctic expedition are at Point Barrow, Alaska, one more leg on their effort to reach the wastes of the farthest north point on globe, but their supply sleds and snow motors are held at Fairbanks because they are unable to negotiate the impassable roads and dangerous stream. Captain Wilkins and his pilot reached that point last week by airplane.

On Thursday the Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile expedition, in the dirigible airship Norge, started from Puhham England, on the first stage of its journey to the ice bound north.

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ALL DRUGGIST

Tuberculosis Causes Decreases of Milk in Herd

Showing that milk production began to decline almost simultaneously with the development of tuberculosis among cows, a report received by the United States Department of Agriculture discussed a topic of unusual interest to practical dairying. The insidious nature of tuberculosis makes the time of the first infection difficult to establish and other variable factors make the study of this question very complex. But in the case reported the evidence indicates that in two years the spread of bovine tuberculosis caused a reduction in the milk of the herd, which averaged about ten cows, from an annual production of 111,178 pounds to 82,173 pounds. The decrease in the income from the sale of milk amounted to about \$870.

Officials of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, point out that the indemnity paid for tuberculosis cattle detected

in cattle by official testing is well known to be a means of hastening tuberculosis eradication. However, in the light of foregoing figures the reduced income from a tuberculosis herd may equal or even exceed the amount of indemnity ordinarily paid. This loss, the officials conclude, should be as great inducement as the expected indemnity for having the test applied promptly, so as to check the ravages of the disease, economic losses, and danger to mankind.

Boy Scout Activities

What One Bank Did

The enrollment in the Boy Scouts Ranks of 51 per cent of all the 12 year old boys in Rome, N. Y., is attributed to action of a local bank in issuing complimentary copies of the Scout Handbook. Scout representative visited all the houses of all town boys of scout age and delivered the books. Thirty five per cent of the recruits were Polish and Italians.

In 1924 a plan somewhat similar was carried out, and 38 per cent of the 12 year old boys registered. A

on his birthday. The Scout council then mailed to each a letter of recommendation and an invitation to visit scout headquarters. The bank in turn wrote everyone of the boys telling them how highly that institution regarded scouting and expressed the hope that each lad would join a troop.

Mayor Enters Ranks

Toledo, Ohio, has a new tenderfoot in its scout ranks, Mayor Fred J. Mery, to whom the oath was administered recently by local scouts.

After making the Scout promise, the Mayor received a copy of the Scout handbook and the Scoutmaster handbook. He was also taught the official grip, sign and salute.

Campers are often troubled with snakes which often take refuge under bedding, boxes, or clothing. Although many common snakes are in reality harmless to man and beneficial in their food habits, an unexpected encounter with a snake is an unpleasant experience. Campers are advised to avoid pitching their tent in the vicinity of

rock ledges and swampy areas; clean open camp spots are preferable. Bedding and clothing should be hung up during the day. Hunters in Southern states have found that leather leggings afford sufficient protection against the bite of poisonous snakes, and quail hunters in Florida use a specially constructed boot with a shank including several layers of canvas.

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TIME TO DROP THE FISH LINE

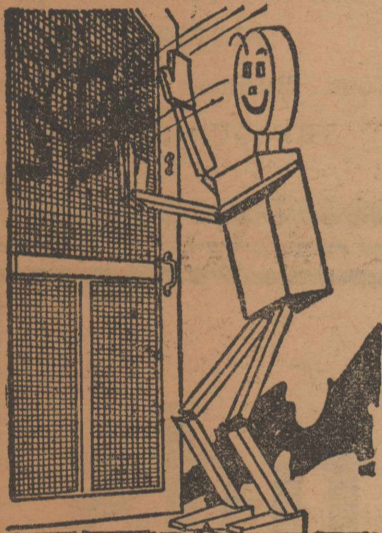
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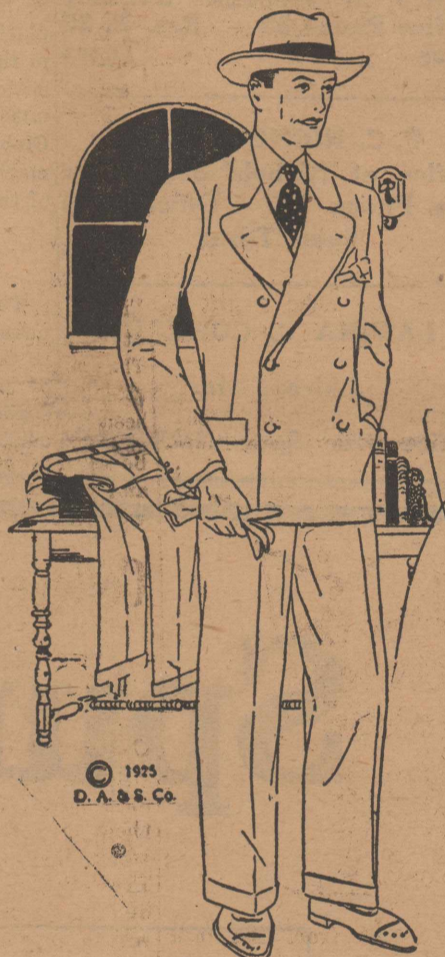


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Taking the Profit Out of War

By BERNARD M. BARUCH

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The prices of all things being fixed, the price fixing committee would make any necessary adjustments, as was done during the war. Under the system used in 1918 these prices were made public and adjusted every three months, so that any consumer or producer had his day in court when he considered prices unfair. Those who complained that during the war prices were too high had this ready recourse to hand.

In the meantime all the industries of the country would have been mobilized by the formation of committees representative of each industry as was done in the World War. Over them would be placed a government director of commodity chief. The various government departments would appoint committees representing their requirements, so that on one committee the resources of the nation would be represented and on the other the demands of the government. The government director would stand between to decide, in conjunction with the priority committee, to what department supplies should go.

Money would be controlled and directed like any other resource. "Taking the profit out of war" is not synonymous with "conscription of wealth," as it is sometimes regarded. The latter is a theoretical project, prohibited by our Constitution, contrary to the spirit of our social and political institutions, and impossible in practice. Taking the profit out of war is an orderly and scientific development of the economics and conduct of modern war, necessary to the effective mobilization of national resources and indispensable to equalizing the burdens of war among the armed and civilian population. Born of experience and proved by practice, it removes some of the most destructive concomitants of modern war—the confusion and waste incident to war time inflation.

This term "conscription of wealth," used by so many, has created a hope among those of socialistic tendencies, and a fear among those who, like me, believe in our system based upon personal initiative and reward, of a taking of money, without payment, for the use of State. Neither the hope nor the fear is justified by the recommendation herein contained or by our experience in the war. The use of money should be controlled and directed in a national emergency. A man should no more be permitted to use his money as he wishes than he should be permitted to use the production of his mine, mill or factory except through the general supervising agency. This was being done toward the end of the war.

During the final phase of the World War no man or corporation or institution could raise money without the approval of the Capital Issues Committee of the Treasury Department, which committee in turn would not permit the borrowing of money unless the War Industries Board approved the use to which it was to be put. Thus the City of New York was not permitted to spend \$8,000,000 for the building of schools. The City of Philadelphia was prevented from making improvements that in peace time would have been necessary, but in war time were not. Various states, counties and cities, and a vast number of private concerns, were denied the use of money and materials for purposes not necessary for the winning of the war. Each part of the community had to adjust its wants to the whole great undertaking.

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There have been a great many bills introduced into Congress on the subject of industrial mobilization, some sponsored by great organizations like the American Legion, and others by newspapers and publicists. But it is surprising how little knowledge there was on the part of those who drew up the bills of the practicability and feasibility of so mobilizing our resources that it would be impossible to make as much profit in war as in time of peace. Take into consideration the fact that the following things were being done in 1918:—

General Crowder, who was in charge of the draft, had asked the chairman of the War Industries Board where he could obtain additional men needed for the Army in France with the least possible dislocation of the war making industrial civilian machinery, and we were in the process of replacing male labor with women. By a system of priorities the Board was allocating to our own Army and Navy, to the Allies and to the essential war industries the things they required. It was making priority rulings as to transportation, and they were being followed out by the Railroad Administrator. The Fuel Administrator distributed fuel only on the rulings of the War Industries Board. The Board was engaged in disentangling and removing the many conflicts and competitive efforts involved in labor and buildings that had previously occurred because of lack of any co-ordinating agency. It was allocating power and making regulations for the hitching up of scattered units of power. It was changing munitions orders from congested to less congested districts. It had actually carried into effect an order that no building involving \$2,500 or more could be un-

and indeed practically every industry in the country, was organized through appointment of committees, and none of these industries would do any business except under the rulings promulgated by the Board. Standardization in every industry was rapidly proceeding. These rulings were made known through the issuance of official bulletins at irregular intervals and were distributed by the press. We were endeavoring to arrange it so that the fighting forces were to receive these things which they needed and no more, so that whatever was not actually required at the front was left to civilian purposes. Industries were curtailed, but never destroyed; skeletonized, but never killed. Indeed, the use of men, money and materials was rapidly being brought into exactly that condition which I have previously stated to be necessary in case of another war.

If, in addition to this, the President in the future has the authority to fix prices and distribution of materials and labor, rent, and the use of man power, transportation, fuel and all the things necessary for the conduct of the war, any rise in prices will be prevented, even in anticipation of war. There are many who claim that war is caused primarily by the desire for profit. I am not one of those. But if there is anything in this contention this plan will remove the possibility of anybody urging war as a means of making profits. Even if there are no men who desire war as a means of making profit, the fact that profits would be less in war than in peace, and wealth and resources would be directed by the government, might have some active deterring influence on men of great resources. Instead of being passive, they might become active advocates of peace.

There are many people who are, for various reasons, afraid to discuss the subject during peace time and prefer to wait for war. There are also some great manufacturers who oppose any such plan because they were seriously interfered with during the war time. Indeed, it has been the experience of some of those responsible for the industrial mobilization in the World War to remain the objects of venomous attack begun during the time that the necessities of the nation made it imperative to control activities and profits. Some critics were prominent manufacturers, who said: "Tell us what the government wants and we will fill the orders, but don't interfere with the sale of the part of our product that the government does not want to use." That was unthinkable. President Wilson decreed that fair prices for the government were fair prices for civilians. I must say, however, that the vast majority of American manufacturers rose to the situation in such a splendid way as to bring the following commendation from Woodrow Wilson: "They turned aside from every private interest of their own and devoted the whole of their trained capacity to the tasks that supplied the shew of the whole great undertaking. The patriotism, the unselfishness, the thorough going devotion and distinguished capacity that marked their toilsome labors day after day, month after month, have made them fit mates and comrades to the men in the trenches and on the seas."

There are many men who are afraid that the adoption of this plan by Congress would give an impetus to socialism or communism or sevietism or whatever they may call it, because, they say, "if you show it can be done in war time there will be a demand that it be done in peace time." It cannot be done in peace time. There can be no great undertaking without a strong moving cause. In peace time the moving cause is personal initiative and payment for services performed. The substitute for that in war time is the common danger.

The War Industries Board was the foremost advocate of price fixing and distribution, and it had great power in this field, but when the Armistice came it recognized that peace conditions were being restored, and it was the first to change the war time order of things and to leave to the people themselves the readjustment of their affairs. I am satisfied that it is impossible for the government to do in peace time what I am advocating, although it becomes absolutely necessary in order to conduct a modern war successfully and to conduct it on a non-profit-making basis.

The application of this plan, besides making the nation a coherent unit in time of war, would impress upon every class in society a sense of its own responsibility in such event. If it were known that this universal responsibility would be enforced, no class—social, financial or industrial—could fail to understand that in case of war it would have to bear its share of the burdens involved and would have to make sacrifices of profit, convenience and personal liberty correlatively with those made by the soldiers in the field. To this extent the plan would act as a positive deterrent to any hasty recourse to force in an international controversy.

One thing that has definitely come from the war is the necessity of arranging affairs so that a portion of the population shall not be sent to the front to bear all the physical hardships and their consequences while others are left behind to profit by their absence. If applied at the outbreak, the War Industries Board (as it was functioning at the close of the World War) would prevent this and lessen, if not remove, the social and economic evils that come as the aftermath of war.

Undertaken without the approval of the War Industries Board. No steel, no cement, no material of any kind could be used for any purpose whatsoever unless the War Industries Board permitted it. No steel company could sell over five tons of steel unless approved by the Director of Steel. The Treasury would not permit the raising

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Faces Impeachment



Chicago (Special). Federal Judge George W. English of the eastern Illinois District faces impeachment. While the exact charges are yet vague, it is said his unseating will be sought because he used profane language and secured a position for his son thru official influence. This is the tenth impeachment trial in Senate History.

Girls Clothing Contest May 29th

The Club Girls of the county will hold a clothing contest May 29th. This is an annual affair among the girls of the county and is a very interesting occasion. It is just an inventory of work done by the girls during the year and a favorable checking up of the work showing who has the best standing.

This work is done under direction of the County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, who has been instrumental in securing some good work from the Club Girls. Mrs. Hollingsworth has worked diligently with the girls, and they have made some valuable advancement under her directions.

Another very nice feature for the County Club Girls is being shown by Mr. Bills representative for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. He is placing a new Singer Sewing Machine in the Office of Home County Demonstrator, to be used by the Club girls until after the Contest. No one but Club girls will be allowed to use the machine, and it is expected that any of them can use it at any time.

Build Seats for School

Three rows of armchairs in a Minneapolis Sunday school are reminders of Scout skill and industry. Members of Troop 63 recently built the seats as a good turn for the Minnehaha Methodist Sunday School.

Interest in Alfalfa Is Growing

According to a statement from W. B. Lee, president of the Dickens County Alfalfa Club, there is much interest being developed in the growing of alfalfa. To date there have been 134 farmers who have signed up to plant alfalfa on tracts varying from 1-4 acres to 100 acres. This will mean several hundred acres planted to alfalfa in this county this year.

Another good feature is that farmers are securing very fine seed for planting. According to a germination test at the Experiment Farm at A. & M. College the seed that is being sold are germinating 91 per cent. There is no noxious weeds found in the alfalfa seed, or at least none were detected at the college farm. The seed thus far used were furnished by W. E. Mitchell, of Roswell, N. M., who is one of the largest wholesale men in the West dealing in alfalfa seed.

There is some alfalfa that has already been planted that is coming up at this time. P. F. Pope on the A. B. Conner farm, stated Saturday that he had 14 acres that was looking fine, and that he would get two cuttings from it this year. W. B. Lee also has 13 acres that is just coming up and is looking fine. He stated that recent rains were turning his alfalfa fields green. The alfalfa situation is looking encouraging at this time.

Saves Old Negro's Life

While Scout Robert Martin, of Augusta, Georgia, was talking with some paper boys near the railroad track. He noticed an elderly colored man stopping on the road bed with his push cart. At the same time Martin heard the whistle of an approaching train. Glancing at the old man the scout saw that the old colored man was making no attempt to get himself or cart out of danger. Realizing that the man was deaf, the boy ran to him and gave him a push, knocking him off the track. Martin next got the cart out of danger as the train was about 100 feet away.

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Immense deposits of guano are believed to have been located in a Bat Cave near Childress. Geologists who have investigated the deposit declare that at least a million tons of guano exists there and that it will be commercially profitable to mine the deposits.

The Archer County Chamber of Commerce held its quarterly Banquet at Archer City. E. H. Whitehead, publicity manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was the principal speaker. The Archer Chamber was just recently reorganized, but already has more than one hundred members.

C. T. Watson, formerly secretary of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce has been engaged as Secretary of the Big Springs Chamber of Commerce to succeed Miss Nell Hatch, who recently resigned.

Unusually fine crops of lambs are reported by sheepmen throughout the San Angelo Country, who declare that the birth of twin lambs exceed all previous records. A great year for the sheep and goat raisers is anticipated.

An oil boom of great proportions has struck Rising Star and surrounding country. Unusually high gravity oil from shallow depths has been found there and a great period of development is underway.

A five year farming program has been adopted by the farmers of Scurry County.

A new steel bridge over the Rio Grande is being constructed at El Paso as a result of favorable action by gress on bill introduced by by Congressman Hudspeth authorizing the bridge.

A constructive farm program for Taylor County was formulated at a meeting of the bankers, farmers and Abilene business men, held at Abilene.

**About Your
Health**

Things You Should Know



HEREDITY IN DISEASE.

With the developments in scientific knowledge, have come better understanding; we know today that, there is very little in the old theory.

We know that tuberculosis is acquired in every case that appears after infancy. I saw once an infant born with tubercular meningitis, the mother herself being far advanced with tuberculosis of the lungs. This I did not regard as an hereditary case, as applied to children in general.

Tendencies are inherited, not diseases. We see a parallel in plant life. Some trees are harder than others; some varieties of wood withstand the onslaughts of decay much longer than others. Some flowering plants live, exposed to wintry blasts; others must be housed. There is quite as much variation in the resisting power of human beings to disease.

Certain families of the human species have delicate nervous systems; others are peculiarly susceptible to skin irritations; and still others exceedingly sensitive to drug influences. These have inherited tendencies. The son of a father who had smokers' cancer should never smoke. The child of a mother who died of tuberculosis should use every precaution to keep away from the neighboring victim.

Children of parents who suffered from any phase of insanity may have the strongest of tendencies to break-down of the nerves. Such children, as soon as they arrive a suitable age, should be enjoined by teachers and physicians, to avoid living as the afflicted ancestor lived. Tissue paper will last as long as sole leather if it is taken care of but under no other condition. Watch the inherited tendencies and avoid exciting causes of trouble.

Next Week: "MEASLES."

Fifty Years for Uncle Sam



Among those distinguished for long and faithful service in Uncle Sam's employ are Mrs. Lillie Beard and Mrs. Letitia Calhoun, both of whom have rounded out a half century of duty in the Treasury Department at Washington.

R. Q. Lee, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and other eminent men spoke at the meeting.

R. W. Hanic, of Abilene was formerly announced as a candidate for the presidency of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The Announcement was made by Mayor C. E. Coombs, of Abilene, who represented him at a

banquet during the District Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, held at Cross Plains.

Citizens of the Pecos Valley are elated over Congress passing the bill for Red Bluff. The bill is now before the Senate and it is expected that it will pass the body soon.

Texas Tech is planting many ornamental shade trees of several varieties about the college grounds. This is a part of the landscape program of the college.

The Floyd county Fair is assured for this year. It will be held in Floydada in September.

A new ice factory has been placed in operation in Ralls by the West Texas Utilities Company. It is the first plant of its kind to be in operation of its kind in Crosby County.

More than \$1700 has been raised by the Paducah Chamber of Commerce to be used in pushing a constructive program of agriculture for Cottle County.

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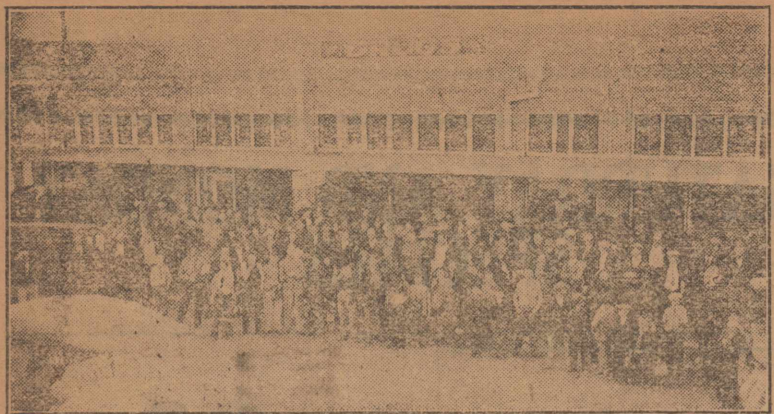
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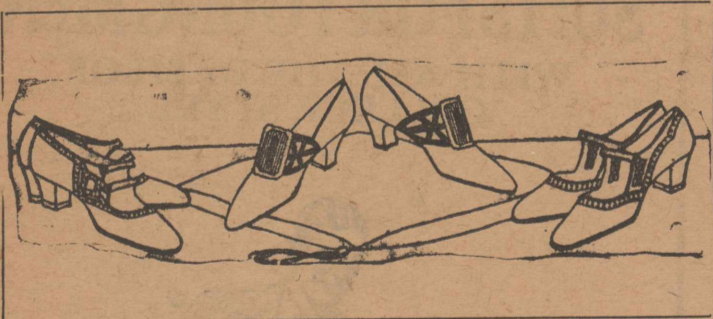
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The world is round, so every spot is "on the top of the world," one spot being as high as another on our globe, eight thousand miles through, twenty-five thousand miles around. And the spot, where you work, sincerely and usefully, whatever the work maybe, is, in reality, and literally, the top of the world.

May you enjoy yourself on your particular top.

Dry Lake Has Good School

There are few schools that are enjoying the progress of the Dry Lake school. The people in that community are very cooperative and it is their chief aim to have the best school in the county. The school is under the supervision of Prof. H. P. Bell, who teaches the higher grades. Mr. Bell is an able teacher and always secures the cooperation of his student body. Mrs. Bell has charge of the primary work, and it is said she is one of the best teachers in her line to be found in the state.

The people held their trustee election Saturday, April 3rd and showed much interest in the election of a good school board. The new members elected were: N. Kidd, W. L. Dozier, W. S. Leach and R. N. James. The retiring members are I. J. McMahan and T. G. O'Guinn.

This is an independent school requiring seven members on the board. Not long ago the people built an addition to the school, and it begins to look like other provisions are going to have to be made as the school is growing very rapidly. People who have no children in the school are boosters as well as those who have children attending.

A community can have just the kind of a school they wish. It requires cooperation on the part of the people. They must stand by their faculty and permit nothing to come between them and a good school. The Dry Lake people are doing these things and they are reaping a harvest of good for their young people.

ENTRE NOUE CLUB

A very lovely party for the members of the Entre Nous and Friday Afternoon Clubs and number of invited guests was that of Friday afternoon when Mesdames E. F. Laverty and John L. King entertained jointly at the lovely new King home.

The game tables were unusually attractive for the occasion with their pretty Easter decorations. The game hour was highly interesting with the delicious salad plate with iced tea served made it a most enjoyable affair for Mesdames T. H. Blackwell, Pauline Clemmons, E. C. Edmonds, B. F. Hale, Roy L. Harkney, C. B. Jones, C. A. Love, C. L. Love, P. C. Nichols, M. A. Lea, Hill Perry, Bill Putman, E. J. Cowan, Jack Rector, Dan H. Zachary, Jim Edd Hall, M. E. Manning, Chas Whitner, E. L. Caraway, W. F. Godfrey, T. C. Ensey, Nellie Davis, R. C. Forbis, J. H. Grace, Cal Martin, J. M. Foster, Roy Stovall, Lois Lee, J. H. Busby, J. E. Morris, W. T. Andrews, Fred Reynolds, W. J. Alger, James B. Reed, Payne, Edgar McGee, Leland Campbell, W. W. Sample, W. B. Lee, Willis King, Harper Williams, Jim McArthur, H. P. Gipson, R. E. Dickson, Miss Bess Hellums of Stamford.

About Alfalfa

The Dickens County 10,000-Acre Alfalfa Club was organized March 1, at Spur, by a number of farmers and land owners for the purpose of encouraging a large number of the farmers of the county to plant from a quarter of an acre to twenty acres of land to alfalfa. Experiments carried on at the Sub-Station No. 7, of the Texas Experiment Station System, located at Spur, shows that for a period of ten years a little over two tons of alfalfa hay per acre were harvest-

ed annually. A half dozen farmers of the county have also grown alfalfa successfully. Two of them S. R. Bowman and W. T. Wilson, have had as much as ten to forty acres producing heavy yields for several years.

Since the organization of the Dickens County 10,000 Acre Alfalfa Club in March 2500 pounds of seeds have been sold to 250 farmers to plant 250 acres. Much of this is already planted. Others have joined the club signifying their intention to plant later in the spring, while others are going to summer fallow their land and plant in the fall. In addition to this the club secured 200 2 pound sacks of alfalfa seed to distribute free of charge to club boys and any one wanting to try planting only a small plot of a quarter of an acre.

A detailed soil survey of the county in 1921-22 by officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture shows that there are thousands of acres of land identical to those producing alfalfa successfully.

W. T. Carter, the official who made this survey, spent a week in Dickens County during March going over the county with the county agent and others pointing out suitable spots of ground on scores of farms for alfalfa. Night meetings have been held in a number of school houses, where all phases of alfalfa production were discussed by experienced alfalfa growers. Other meetings are scheduled to cover all parts of the county.

To begin with a list of 280 names of men likely to want to plant some alfalfa were put on a mailing list. A series of letters and articles were sent out at intervals to this list giving information on value as hay, pasture crop, soil builder and on soil preparation and other useful information about alfalfa. Since there are many types of soil in the county it is recognized that some are not suited for alfalfa production. This fact was recognized in the selection of the mailing list. On the other hand caution is urged to those who have doubtful soils to try only a small amount at first. Most of the farmers in the county are men without experience in alfalfa production. These are encouraged to start with small acreage until experience is gained.

The anticipated over production of cotton with a downward trend or prices for 1926 renders this a psychological time to put over a campaign to grow other crops beside cotton. It is recognized that propaganda to reduce acreage is more effectual when a promising substitute is offered. It is believing that at least a little bunch of alfalfa should be planted on every farm where there is any likelihood of it growing. Those sub-irrigated valleys with clay sub-soils will in most instances, produce heavy yields of alfalfa.

With alfalfa being planted in small patches over the county it is only a matter of a year or two until those soil will be suited for alfalfa production will be well determined.

An insight into the values of alfalfa to the livestock farmers is gained when stop to consider that many farmers in the North go to the expense of liming and manuring an inculcating their soil, amounting from ten to twenty dollars per acre to get a stand. On top of this they run the risk of having their hay damaged at cutting time. West Texas farmers are fortunately situated in this respect for their soils have an abundance of lime, an abundance of bacteria already in the soil so that inoculation is not necessary. The weather of West Texas is ideally suited for the curing of the finest quality pea-green alfalfa hay.

Mrs. C. C. Bishop, of Anson, was in our city Wednesday doing some shopping, while she visited her sister, Mrs. B. Y. Love of Dickens.

Ben Eldridge, of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Thursday. The singing convention held at McAdoo was attended by a large and appreciative crowd.

Miss Jessie Hagins, of Gilpin, who has been very ill of pneumonia, is able to be up some at this time.

R. R. Wooten, of McAdoo, was greeting friends on our streets Wednesday.

F. C. Gipson, of Dickens, was greeting friends in our city Tuesday.

J. S. Derr, of McAdoo, was a business visitor in Spur Thursday.

Virgle Smith, Gilpin merchant, was transacting business in Spur Thursday.

Special This Week—Black & White tooth brush, 50c; Black & White dental cream 10c; total 60c. Both for 29c at the City Drug Store.

W. F. Wood, of McAdoo, was greeting friends on our streets Wednesday. He stated that the wheat on the Plains is looking fine this Spring.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

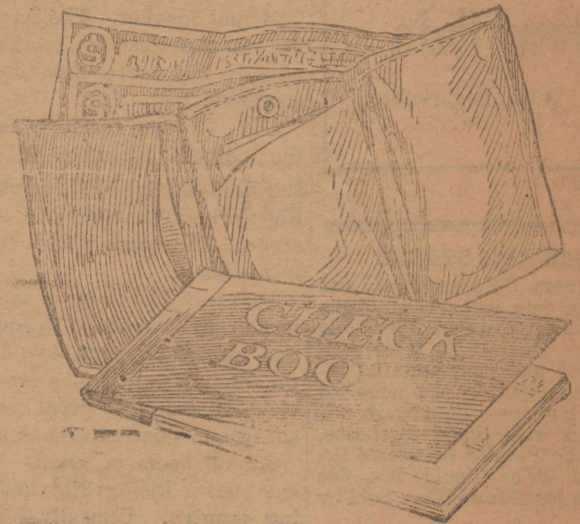
The work is booming! Big crowds at the mid-week prayer meetings. Why not others come? Wednesday night we had the very best program ever. The beautiful little song sang by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Starcher was worth going a long way to hear. Then the splendid talks by Mesdames Godfrey, Loyd, Wolf; Brethern Barrett and Lee, were very interesting and edifying. There is nothing should give a real Christian more joy than attending the place of prayer. We have for next Wednesday evening, April 21 a continuation of the subject discussed last evening. General Subject: "The Deity of Christ." Leader—Mrs. H. P. Schrimsher. Special song and music to be arranged by Mr. Ivey.

3. The Deity of Christ Shown by His Second Coming.—Bro. Tidwell.
4. Deity of Christ Shown by His Judgment of the Nations. Bro. Roddy. Subject to be discussed: 1. The Deity of Christ Shown by His ascension.—Mrs. Ivey.
2. The Deity of Christ Shown by His Mediatorial Work.—Mrs. Nichols.

Byrne Haney, one of the hustling Afton merchants, was transacting business in our city Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Stevens who have been visiting their daughter in Mead, Kans., returned the last of the week. They report lots of snow in Kansas.

Mesdames C. L. and C. A. Love are visiting with friends in Dallas this week.



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