

ASKS SUPPORT TO REMEDY UNJUST TAX SYSTEM.

The Texas League For Uniform and Equal Taxation will make a fight before the next Legislature for a change in the unjust tax system of the state. Mr. Gus Reininger, Secretary of the Texas Tax Assessors Association was here in the interest of the work of the League this week and made a talk at the Court House Tuesday night on the subject.

Mr. Reininger made statements from compiled figures taken from the tax rolls of the various counties that were astounding and reveals a very unjust and unfair tax system. According to his figures there are in Texas 94 counties, and a majority of them the richest counties in the state, that are deficient in Taxes paid to the extent of three and a half million dollars. This deficit is made up from an excess of taxes paid by 158 counties. In other words there are 94 counties that receive back from the state more money for the school fund than the combined taxes that they pay in. Among the underpaying counties are: Anderson, Burleson, Cherokee, Denton, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Harrison, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Kaufman, Lamar, Limestone, Webb and Washington. The deficits of the counties named run from \$29,000 to \$84,000. This is because property in these counties are assessed at less than 20 per cent of its value. Our adjoining county, Webb receives back from the state for her schools \$37,847 more than the total taxes paid by that county to the state. Some of the other counties benefitting thusly, are: Cass, to the extent of \$47,422.00; Erath, \$15,346; Henderson, \$45,503.00; Hopkins, \$74,991; Milam, \$22,748; Rusk, 70,755.00; Starr, \$16,966; Cameron, \$12,985. There are many more receiving equal benefits. One hundred and fifty eight counties are paying an excess of taxes and simply assisting in the building of school houses and supporting the schools of these counties.

Excess revenue paid by LaSalle county, according to Mr. Reininger's figures amounts to \$6,225.00 per annum. By this unequal tax system we are giving that much money to some of the big counties, when we ourselves are cutting every point to get by with our schools.

It might be asked why this matter has not been remedied before this. The answer is simple. The ninety-four counties benefitting control a large part of the legislature, and the men representing these counties discourage rather than support any legislation that would remedy the matter. They have been getting the money for many years, and they are going to keep on taking it as long as they can get it. The only relief is the organization of the 158 overpaying counties, which will control a majority of the Legislature. The people are entirely ignorant of this matter and an educational campaign is necessary to inform them of the true situation. This will necessarily entail considerable expense. It is proposed to send out \$5,000 literature to these counties in order that the people may learn the facts and then be in a position to demand of their lawmakers remedial legislation. To this end The Texas League for

Equal and Uniform Taxation is asking a small donation from the taxpayers of the 158 counties. This must be made up by the tax payers, and Judge Welhausen and B. Wildenthal, jr., Tax Assessor, will ask contributions the coming week from all concerned and every tax payer should be interested in this matter, as we are yearly forced to give several thousand dollars of our money to other counties.

Judge and Tax Assessor Asks Support.

County Judge G. A. Welhausen, commenting on Mr. Reininger's statement said: "As LaSalle county is one of the overpaying counties, it behoves our citizens to co-operate with the League organized with the view of correcting these matters and give it all the support possible. As it will require some financial assistance to meet the expense of the educational campaign we should readily contribute the small amount asked from this county. Another matter in which the citizens of our county should be interested in at this time is the proposed amendments to the Constitution to be voted upon in the general election. One is the amendment relating to taxation by School Districts. I hope this county will give this amendment a solid vote. Another is the amendment relating to the matter of compensation of public officials. This amendment proposes to empower the Legislature to fix the salary of public officials, and if given this power I believe they would wipe out the disgrace of our state in salaries now being paid our Governor, Comptroller, Land Commissioner and others. The Governor now receives only \$4,000, when he should receive from \$10,000 to \$15,000. I believe al-

so that if our Legislators were paid decent salaries, higher class men would aspire to these places."

Tax Assessor, B. Wildenthal, jr., assisted Mr. Reininger in securing all the information he desired about tax matters in LaSalle county. Mr. Wildenthal believes that this county should support this movement to secure equal taxation, as it will plainly mean several thousand more dollars for our schools every year when it is straightened out.

Contracts Million Plants to One Man.

L. A. Lind, who bought the Shaw farm on the Nueces last summer, closed a contract with a party from Arp, Texas, this week, selling to him one million plants to be delivered between now and spring. This contract calls for cabbage, potatoes, onions and other kinds of plants. Mr. Lind stated that he expected to make another similar contract at an early date.

He stated that rats had been doing an enormous damage to his potatoes the past few weeks. Notwithstanding he has done a lot of poisoning he says they continue to come in countless numbers.

Norther and Rain Failed to Materialize.

The Norther and rain scheduled for this section Thursday failed to materialize. Rain fell at San Antonio and North of that city Thursday night but none in this section. There was no change in the weather, the temperature being as high yesterday as Thursday. However, it has been unusually warm and very likely a cold spell is on the way.

NO HELP FROM RESERVE BANK TO HOLD COTTON.

Washington, D. C. Oct. 14—After listening to impassioned speeches urging the re-establishment of the War Finance Corporation as the only means of averting ruin for agricultural producers, Secretary of the Treasury Houston declared flatly today that such action was not feasible.

A delegation of nearly one hundred cotton growers and wheat wheat raisers and other agricultural groups who have been in conference for the last three days spent nearly three hours with Secretary Houston in a stormy discussion of the credit system. Late in the day they had a hearing before the Federal Reserve board, urging preferential rediscount rates for agricultural paper. The producers made no effort to conceal their displeasure over Secretary Houston's attitude. The threat to continue to send delegations to bombard officials for financial relief for farmers who are faced with a price for their products sale to represent in many cases not more than one one-half the cost of production.

Rats Gnawing Down Brush.

Reports from the dryest sections in the country state that rats have taken to the brush and are literally gnawing it down, presumably eating the bark. Bob Sutton reports that down on the Irvin ranch, where it is getting very dry, rats are stripping the bark from the younger trees which will cause much of them to die. F. D. McMahan reports the same conditions in the country East of Artesia Wells.

LA SALLE COUNTY'S LARGEST FARM.

The biggest farm in La Salle County is at Harris Valley and owned by Harris Bros., of New York and Galveston. This farm comprises something over 3,000 acres in cultivation and is managed by Mr. F. M. Younklin, a man of splendid ability.

The editor was over there a few hours Tuesday and saw things moving along in a manner that looked like real farming. The cotton crop had been gathered and tractors are now breaking the land. Corn and hay crops have been harvested and the land put in shape to catch the winter rains. Some 400 acres of this farm is irrigated by a fine artesian well which flows into a reservoir of 25,000,000 gallons capacity. The irrigated part is used for winter truck crops. This year Mr. Younklin stated 150 acres would be put in onions and probably 100 acres in spinach besides other vegetable crops.

This farm owns probably the best gin in this section and does excellent work in ginning cotton. Out of the 300 bales that have been ginned there this year, not more than fifty will run under strict middling. J. B. Ownby is in charge of the gin plant and he knows his business as the results show.

The farm now has about 300 head of hogs but Mr Younklin stated that all of them would be sold off this winter except the registered herd. He has recently bought some fine males of the big bone Poland China breed. He expects to put in a large reage in alfalfa and raise hogs on a rather large scale. Mr. Younklin stated that the putting down of another deep well was under consideration and also the building of another reservoir double the size of the present one. This would give them water to irrigate a large body of land and they would be independent of rainfall.

BILLY HART SAYS NOVEMBER WILL BE WET.

The following weather predictions of Billy Hart of Eagle Pass, appeared in yesterday's Express.

Nov. 1-2: Heavy local rain at San Antonio, Austin, Houston, Corpus Christi, and all points in those sections, also in North Texas, Southwest Texas with hail at Marfa.

Nov. 3-4: Heavy local rains and cold norther at San Angelo, San Antonio, Austin, Paris, Waco, Houston, Corpus Christi, Uvalde, Del Rio and Eagle Pass.

Nov. 5-6: Fair.

Nov. 7: Local rain at Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Austin, Paris, Eagle Pass.

Nov. 8-9: Heavy rains at Paris, Waco, San Angelo, Northwest Texas and on gulf coast.

Nov. 10 to 12: Fair, cold norther.

Nov. 13 to 16: Fair, freezing, frost.

Nov. 17: Rain in West Central, South Central, and Southwest Texas and Southeast Texas gulf coast.

Nov. 18 to 21: Fair.

Nov. 22-23: Rain or snow, cold norther along entire gulf coast, North, Northwest, West Central, South Central, and Southwest Texas.

Nov. 24: Fair.

Nov. 25-26: Heavy local rain, norther, East, Central, West Central, Southwest Texas, and gulf coast.

Nov. 27-28: Heavy rain, snow sleet Northwest Texas. Local rain, cold norther Northeast, East, Central and South Central Texas and along gulf coast.

Nov. 29: Fair.

Nov. 30: Fair, cold, norther, freezing, frost.

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OUR UNQUEAL TAX SYSTEM.

Comparatively few people are aware of the glaring inequalities of the tax system of the state of Texas today, and a campaign of education is now being carried on by the Texas League for Equal and Uniform Taxation, with the view of arousing the people to the extent of securing remedial legislation at the next session of the State Legislature.

Facts and figures compiled by this League show that there are 94 counties in the state of Texas that receive back more taxes from the state than they pay in. Many of these are the richest counties of the state. One hundred and fifty eight counties pay an excess of taxes and the ninety four counties are benefitted by this. This situation is because of the lack of uniformity of assessments and the absence of any authority with power to establish such uniformity. The ninety four counties that are deficient assess their property at less than 25 per cent of its true value and thereby escape three million five hundred thousand dollars per annum, due the state, which is made up by the 158 counties which assess their property at above 25 per cent of its true value.

Counties of the state usually fix their valuations sufficient to meet their local needs and do not take into consideration state needs. Many of those of the 158 overpaying have bond obligations that require certain valuations and they cannot be reduced, therefore the only remedy is through the state Legislature. It is to this end the League for Equal and Uniform Taxation is working and organization of the 158 overpaying counties must be had to accomplish the desired result. Mr. Gus Reininger, Field Worker for this League, and who is also secretary of the Texas Tax Assessors Association was in Cotulla this week in the interest of the matter, has an article in this issue, which you should read. There necessarily will be considerable expense in carrying on this educational campaign among the people interested and to meet this the League asks a small contribution from each of the 158 counties interested. The 94 counties that are now and have been receiving the benefit of course will oppose a change in this tax system, and as most of them are the richest counties naturally control many of the legislators, and it will take thorough organization of the overpaying counties to secure this change. It will be necessary to put tons of literature in the hands of the people to inform them of the true situation before this organization and co-operation can be had.

It no doubt will surprise every reader of this paper to know that Webb, our adjoining county, receive back from the state in school money, \$37,847.00 more than the total taxes of all kinds paid by that county to the state. And Webb is only one of 94 beneficial counties. Starr receives back \$16,966 more than it pays in; Cherokee \$55,825; more than it pays in; Franklin \$44,411.00 more than it pays in, and so on down the line. The figures are startling, but through an educational campaign it is purposed to inform every tax payer of the 158 over paying counties of the true conditions and when this done something is going to pop.

La Salle county has a squeeze to support her schools, and yet we contribute several thousand dollars each year to help keep up the schools of some of the larger and wealthier counties—all because of the system. Last year this county paid into the aid fund of the state, \$3,855.00, and received nothing back. Yet Van Zandt county paid into this fund \$9,551 and received back \$36,293.

As La Salle is one of the 158 burden-bearing counties, the Record will give all the publicity possible to this condition and existing unfair system in order that our people may become fully informed, to the end that remedial legislation may be secured.

The cotton situation remains unchanged, if anything a little worse than it was last week. Prices are slightly lower, yet a great deal of cotton is being put on the market. There has been some effort to stop ginning for a period of thirty days but this movement has gained no momentum, and likely it will not. Farmers organizations are making every effort to secure aid from the Federal Reserve Bank but as yet have had but little success. Leaders claim that the present condition will throw the South into bankruptcy. While many believe cotton has hit the toboggan, others are of the opinion that it will go to ten cents.

Every fire in the South is now credited to night-riders. Naturally there are many gins burned each ginning season, and this is no exception, but not a fire has occurred within the past ten days but what incendiarism is charged.

UNFAIR AND UNJUST TAX SYSTEM.

The Texas League for Equal and Uniform Taxation, is conducting a campaign of education throughout the State, to the end that the people become familiar with the unfair operation of our system of distributing the burdens of taxation for State purposes. Our present lack of equality of taxation is directly due to the absence of any central authority vested with power to establish and preserve reasonably uniformity of assessments. Independent of each other the two hundred and fifty-two counties of the State assess their properties at percentages of value sufficient to meet local needs and with no consideration for State needs. Due to this practice ninety-four counties assess their properties at less than twenty-five per cent of its true value and thereby escape three million five hundred thousand dollars per annum of their taxes due the State, which, as may be easily understood must be, and is, made up by the one hundred and fifty-eight counties, which are now paying three million five hundred thousand dollars in excess of their rightful share. Not only are the over paying counties discriminated against in the levy of taxes, but also in the distribution of the two million for aid of the rural schools. As an instance of the unfairness of the system, LaSalle paid into the aid fund \$3,855 and received nothing back; Hopkins county paid into the aid fund \$9,024 and received back \$35,649; Hunt county paid into the aid fund \$20,757 and received back \$36,216; Van Zandt county paid into the aid fund \$9,551 and received back \$36,293.

If the aid fund had been apportioned to the counties as provided by the Constitution on the scholastic basis, La Salle county would have received \$2,691 as her share. A neat sum, worth while to go after. The League requests your co-operation.

GUS REININGER,
Field worker for the League.

BETTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENT.

We hope that every reader of the Record who votes in the general election November 2, will vote for the Better Schools Amendment. Texas is way down the line when it comes to good country schools as compared with other states, and Texas cannot afford to stay in this position. Actually Texas stands thirty-ninth in education, while some years ago we were thirty-six. Slipping backward, and when this condition is known to her people we will get out of this class.

An educational campaign has been carried on by various organizations in support of the Better Schools Amendment and we believe it will carry, but don't take it for granted that it will, but go to the polls and give it your support. This amendment will carry no additional to any particular part of the state, but will allow any school district to vote greater school taxes than is now allowed under the present laws. It will be optional with each and every community whether more taxes will be voted. Some districts do not need more funds for support of their schools, while others do.

If you are in doubt about voting for this amendment inform yourself, and then you will not hesitate.

PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of the Auxiliary to Rio Grande Association Cotulla, Texas, Thursday, 10:30 a. m. Oct. 28th.

MORNING SESSION.

1. Opening Song and Prayer.
2. Devotional—Mrs. S. Cotulla, Cotulla.
3. Greetings—Mrs. R. L. Graham, Cotulla.
4. Response—Mrs. Cora Busby, Dilley.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Address—President, Mrs. W. A. Knight, Laredo, Texas.
7. Report Corresponding Secy.—Mrs. F. F. Bledsoe, Devine, Texas.
8. Our Plans for the year—Mrs. C. A. Obets, Crystal City.
9. Luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. Devotional—Mrs. J. F. Briscoe, Devine.
2. The Working of our Schedule and Campaign Pledges—Mrs. J. G. Burr, Laredo.
3. Mission Study Plans and Methods—Mrs. F. F. Bledsoe, Devine.
W. M. U. Mrs. Dr. Ware, Lytle
G. A. & Y. W. A. Mrs. Ruby Saunders, Pearsall.
Sunbeams, Mrs. Richey, Carrizo.
4. Enlistment
5. Special Music.
6. Business Meeting.
7. Treasurer's Report.
8. Report—Personal Service.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Offering.
11. Adjournment.

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Realizing that the time never was so propitious as right now for teaching the highest ideals of citizenship, the entire present program of the Junior Red Cross has been framed under the very inclusive phrase, "Training for Citizenship Through Service" for others. Since the Junior Red Cross is the agency through which the American Red Cross reaches the schoolboys and the schoolgirls, all its activities are designed to come within the regular school program, and without creating new courses or increasing the number of studies to lend its aid in vitalizing the work of the schools.

"The thing that is needed," says Dr. Livingston Farrand, Chairman of the American Red Cross Central Committee, "is not a perpetuation of the Junior Red Cross, but the training and breeding of sound American citizenship inspired by the true, fundamental ideals of sound democracy. One of the great conceptions in making the Red Cross a contributor to better citizenship in our American democracy is the realization that after all the sole hope of any nation is with the children of the country."

The plan of organization of the Junior Red Cross makes the school—public, parochial and private—the unit, not the individual pupils. Mutual service, helpful community work such as clean-up campaigns, care of the sick, promotion of health regulations, participation in civic and patriotic movements—all these creative agencies designed to translate into life and action the regular school program are parts of the machinery which the Junior Red Cross places at the disposal of the school authorities.

Graded study courses giving practical methods of civic training, supplemented by pamphlets and helpful suggestions, are supplied to the local schools by the Junior Red Cross. An elaborate plan for promoting an interchange of correspondence between children in different sections of the United States as well as with children in foreign lands is being devised and will take a prominent place in the established classroom program.

In promoting the general cause of child welfare, Red Cross courses in home hygiene and care of the sick, first aid, and dieting may be established in all Junior Red Cross Auxiliaries.

The ideals and the objective of the Junior Red Cross are embodied in the pledge of service which the pupil takes when he signs the membership roll and pins on his coat the Junior's badge. The pledge which binds together service and citizenship reads:

"We will seek in all ways to live up to the ideals of the Junior Red Cross and devote ourselves to its service.

"We will strive never to bring discredit to this, our country, by any unworthy act.

"We will reverence and obey our country's laws and do our best to inspire a like reverence and obedience in those about us.

"We will endeavor in all these ways, as good citizens, to transmit America greater, better and more beautiful than she was transmitted to us."

At the foundation of this school program of the Junior Red Cross is a great love for America's children.

RED CROSS ACTIVE IN DISASTER RELIEF

When disaster hits a community—fire, flood, earthquake, explosion, bad wreck or tornado—the American Red Cross can be depended upon to follow right at its heels with help for the stricken people. Red Cross relief is almost immediately forthcoming—food, clothing, shelter and funds; doctors, nurses and special workers with long experience in handling similar trouble elsewhere.

During the last year, ending June 30, there was an average of four disasters a month in the United States. One hundred and fifty communities in twenty-seven states suffered. The largest and most destructive of these were the tidal wave at Corpus Christi, Texas, and tornadoes in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

In these events of horror 850 persons were killed, 1,500 were injured, 13,000 were made homeless, about 30,000 families needed help, the property loss was nearly \$100,000,000 and almost \$1,000,000 in relief funds, not including emergency supplies was expended.

To the sufferers from all disasters during the year, the American Red Cross sent \$120,000 worth of supplies, 110 Red Cross nurses and seven special relief trains. To meet the needs of the relief stations, the organization set up ten relief stations, operated thirty food centers and as many emergency hospitals. One hundred and twenty-five Red Cross chapters gave disaster relief service.

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VOTE AND WORK FOR THE SCHOOL AMENDMENT ON NOVEMBER 2ND.

(By Annie Webb Blanton, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.)
NEED OF MANY WORKERS.

It is when we try to inform the people of Texas as to the merits of any measure that we realize that Texas is not really a state—it is an empire. Compare the Lone Star State, with its 252 counties, with its neighbor, Oklahoma, which has 77 counties, or with tiny Delaware, which has three. It soon becomes obvious that to give adequate publicity to even the most meritorious measure, an army of workers is needed.

When we remember, further, that the general attitude in Texas has been to vote against constitutional amendments, we realize that, the patriotic citizens of Texas must go out into the highways and byways to arouse the necessary enthusiasm for the educational amendment to make it the notable exception to the rule its friends all predict it will prove to be.

NATURE OF THE AMENDMENT.

Texas now has a district tax limit of fifty cents on the hundred dollars of property valuation. Only two states, Texas and Virginia, have so low a limit. Half of the states of the Union have no limit on the tax that districts may vote for school purposes. The unjust side of this tax limit is that while large cities are exempt from this provision, the village school and the country school are shackled by its terms. The proposed amendment to article 3 of section VII of the constitution will grant the same privilege to all schools—it will permit the country school district as well as the city to vote for its schools such support as it deems necessary.

THE AMENDMENT DOES NOT RAISE TAXES.

The proposed amendment does not raise taxes, nor does it permit any school board to increase taxes. It simply leaves each district free to continue its present support to its schools, or to increase this support, if it chooses. Before any tax can be increased, the rate must be decided by a vote of the taxpayers of the district. This amendment is, therefore, a measure of local self-government.

ATTITUDE OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES.

The state democratic convention of 1920, at its recent meeting in Fort Worth, endorsed the passage of this amendment as a part of the platform of the democratic party. The republican candidate for governor, in a recent address, stated that he would prefer that the people of Texas should fail to vote for him than to fail to vote for this amendment. At this writing, other parties have not expressed their attitude.

A MISTAKEN IMPRESSION.

A few persons have expressed the opinion that, since their districts receive from the state more than they pay to the state, it would be best to vote against the amendment, and let the state support their schools. The mistake in this is (1) that the state can not and will not continue to support those who do not help themselves and (2) that such an attitude is condemned by most of the right-minded patriotic citizens of the state. The four million dollar appropriation was made by the legislature to tide over the emergency until the amendment can pass. The legislature will have no convenient surplus next year, to appropriate for the tax rate has been lowered. Moreover, many members of the legislature have declared that, if the people vote down this amendment in November, they will make no more appropriations to the schools from the general revenue. Some of them have asserted that they will even vote to discontinue the two-million-dollar appropriation for rural schools. If the amendment fails to pass, the schools will have no recourse. Two thousand of them closed their doors last year. Our teachers will flock to other states, where a living wage is offered. Many have already gone.

STATE SUPPORT THE SAME FOR CITY AND COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

The politician frequently harps on the difference in support of country and city schools. This difference lies in local support. The state gives the same per capita for the country and the city child. It favors the country child, in that it makes a special appropriation of two million dollars for rural schools. While Texas stands tenth in state support of schools, it ranks as forty-fourth in local support. Shall this continue?

OUR RANK IN EDUCATION.

The Russell Sage Foundation in its recent investigation of all the states of the Union ranks Texas as thirty-ninth in education. Shall a state that is first in size, first in agricultural products, third in production of oil, and seventh in wealth be satisfied to remain thirty-ninth in education?

DANGER TO DEMOCRACY.

Texas is about ten per cent illiterate. Twenty-five per cent of our children do not advance beyond the fourth grade. The average is the sixth grade. That means that, in future, we shall have a sixth-grade citizenship. The only safeguard of the democratic institutions founded by our forefathers, the best protection against bolshevism, the wisest economy for the state, is education. Give the country boy and girl a fair chance! Work and vote for the Better Schools Amendment on November 2nd.

Why Not a Fighting Chance?

There is none of America's boasted "equality of opportunity" for the children of Texas today.

Two boys, let us say, are born into the world, equal mentally, physically, and morally.

One goes to school in a shanty, presided over by a poorly paid, poorly educated girl in her "teens" who has many "grades" that real teaching is impossible. The boy is without the advantages of good books, manual training shops, experimental apparatus, physical examination, physical training, or the inspiration of a well-balanced, cultured teacher of high ideals.

The other boy attends a well-supported two or three-room country school, presided over by professionally-trained, experienced teachers. Later he is sent to the consolidated rural high school made possible by the forethought and progressiveness of the community's patrons and trustees. This school is equipped with a good library, shops, gymnasium and a plot for experimental farming. There is a physical director and students are examined so that any incipient eye, nose, throat or other bodily trouble is arrested before becoming chronic.

The two boys, born "free and equal," in neighboring communities reach the age of 24. One, possessing the assurance that is the handmaiden of wholesome knowledge, has developed into a vigorous, contented, progressive, dependable farmer; an honor to his community, his state, and his country. The other is a shiftless, diseased, dissatisfied, shame-faced near-do-well, a burden to his family and a menace to his community.

Whose is the blame?

Remember that the difference in support of schools rests with the local patrons, not with the state. The state gives the same per capita to every child in Texas; but it favors the country child in that it makes a special appropriation of \$2,000,000 for rural schools.

"Why Can't We Have Good Schools in the Country?"

One of the school supervisors of the state department of education recently talked to a young girl on the train, who lives on a farm in the black land belt. She was a girl of about fourteen, whose square little body and straightforward sincerity of eye indicated an us at physical and mental strength.

She said she loved her farm home although the work of cooking, canning, hinging and ironing, sewing and some working in the field was heavy. She did not mind the work, but she hated more than anything to go to school in order that she might be a chagrined.

She said she had finished the eighth grade which was as high as she could go in her district school.

The family of her best friend had moved to town in order that the children might have good schools, but her father wanted to stay in the country. Then with a catch in her voice she asked, "Why can't we have good schools in the country?"

This question the state superintendent takes to the voters. Those who believe that the country children ought to have as good schools as the city children will vote for the Better Schools Amendment which is a local option measure permitting each school district to make such provision as it chooses for the support of its schools. Most cities now enjoy this privilege under the terms of their charter. The constitution limits the power of country districts.

Let the voters give these districts the power to have good schools in the country.

For Your Earnest Consideration.

School reports show that twice as much money is being spent in the cities for the education of negro children as is being spent in the country districts for the education of white children. Cities are not limited by the constitutional restriction on local taxation. On November 2nd the country districts will be given the same local self-government privileges if the Better Schools Amendment carries.

During the late war one of our boys, returning to camp from an afternoon off, was stopped by the sudden call of "Halt!" from a sentry. "Halt!" exclaimed the soldier, "Don't halt me, I'm a half hour late as it is." So when the messbacks cry "Halt!" to the Educational Amendment, we reply, "Great Heavens, men, our state is half a century late with this thing now!"

R. E. L. Sherrard of Dallas made arrangements last summer to take a company of Boy Scouts to the harvest fields. The boys were frequently called to get up at an early hour and help with the lighter duties about the farm.

On the first Sunday in September Bobby Wilson, age 11, arrived at the farm. On Monday morning before daybreak he was awakened by one of the farm hands.

"What's the idea of getting up in the middle of the night?" said Bobby.

"Hurry up!" said the other. "I'll show you how to milk cows."

Bobby sat up with a puzzled expression on his face, gazed thoughtfully out into the darkness, then asked: "Do you have to sneak up on them?"

Adult illiteracy is proportionately three times higher among native born children of native born parents than among the native born children of foreign born parents. This indicated the low level of country schools.

Raise the level by voting for the Better Schools Amendment.



Boys and girls who learn early to take proper care of their teeth, throats, eyes, ears and stomachs, have made a long step toward healthy manhood and womanhood. Through its public health and nursing services, the American Red Cross aims eventually to reach all school children with teachings regarding disease prevention and health promotion. Here's a school nurse treating a little girl's sore mouth, at the same time imparting a valuable lesson in teaching and proper diet.

There remain in army hospitals throughout the country more than 24,000 soldiers still being treated for wounds received overseas. Red Cross workers give them the same sort of friendly aid—only more of it—that was given during the war. Furthermore, the Red Cross is teaching these lads occupations at which they can later make a living and is keeping in touch with their home folks in order that no dependents may suffer for lack of funds.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Arthur Knaggs left first of the week for Tampico, Mexico.

Willie Copp left Sunday night for Tampico, Mexico.

Mrs. P. A. Childers returned Wednesday from Galveston.

A. U. Knaggs was a San Antonio visitor during the week.

Mrs. A. J. Knaggs left Monday on a visit to her parents at Pleasanton.

Roy Pate left this week for Los Angeles, Calif., on visit to his sister, Mrs. Allen Mayor.

J. H. Gallman made a business trip to San Antonio first of the week.

For Sale—Three stands bees and three extra hives and supers; three pounds foundation comb, bargain at \$25.00 Also 12 young pullets and 12 young hens at reasonable price.—V. E. Mechler.

FOR SALE—3 pair mules, with harness. Will sell single or in teams.—Freddie Johnson.

A. Dietz, well known business man of Laredo, was up fishing in the Nueces this week.

Cabbage Plants For Sale.—Call on or write E. A. Lind, Cotulla, Texas.

Mrs. Roy Adams returned Thursday from Devine, where she spent a few days with her parents.

Misses Dossia and Ophelia Shaw were down from San Antonio this week visiting their Mrs. T. B. Poole.

Wanted—Industrious lady or gentleman agent in Cotulla to handle Watkins products. Goods are well known everywhere. Agents average \$1 an hour. Write for free catalog today. J. R. Watkins Co., Memphis, Tenn.

First Number of Lyceum Course Tuesday Night.

The first number of the Lyceum Course will be given Tuesday night at the High School Auditorium. The "Dixie Girls" Miss Fanny Baldrige of Kentucky and Miss Evelynne Morphey of Louisiana, will appear in Ye Olden Time Program.

Everybody likes these two young and talented ladies from Dixie. It is only occasionally a combination of fortunate circumstances produce such a unique combination as is found in the Dixie Girls.

These two young women, through their life-long association with the stories and folk songs of the South, bring the best of these to the lyceum and offer a program of great originality and charm.

Miss Baldrige is a soprano whose voice is equally pleasing in operatic and the sympathetic home-song. Her stories of Negro life are original and she tells them in a delightfully wholesome natural manner.

Miss Murphey sings charmingly, her voice being of a clear flute-like quality, and she with Miss Baldrige, offers delightful duets. In addition, Miss Murphey plays violin and specializes in child stories and piano-logues.

The Dixie Girls wear the costumes of the "Belles of '60." You will be delighted alike by their appearance and their artistry.

During the past winter the girls spent much of their time entertaining at the Great Lakes and different army corps, where they were received with great enthusiasm.

Mrs. J. H. Daniel and two little boys were arrivals on Sunday's train from San Antonio.

They left that afternoon for their home in Big Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Russell of Wichita Falls were here this week on a visit to their brother, M. H. Russell. They left yesterday for San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rone have returned from a three month's visit to their old home in Tennessee. Yesterday Mr. Rone purchased the home of Mrs. Hawkins in the central portion of town and will take possession at once.

T. G. Sheppard, stockman of Encinal, was in town yesterday. Mr. Sheppard stated that it was dry down that way and he hoped that Billie Hart's prediction for a wet November would come true. He recently had shipped in three registered Holstein calves from New York and says they are doing well.

Machine hemstitching and picot edging, cotton, 10 cents, silk 12 cents per yard. Covered buttons made in the latest following styles: Acorn, bullet, full ball, half ball and combination. Mrs. H. B. Houston Uvalde, Texas.

FOR SALE—A 13 room, rooming house or hotel, partly furnished, known as the McMulin Hotel at Encinal. For information write or phone, Mrs. F. P. Carpenter, 421 Oakland St., San Antonio, Tex. Phone Tr. 3125.

Where There's a Baby on Farm Keep Rat-Snap.

Rats are on most farms. Once they get inside the house—look out. Rats kill infants, biting them is not unusual. Nursing bottles attract rats. Break a cake of RAT-SNAP and throw it around. It will surely rid you of rats and mice. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 Sold and guaranteed by T. R. Keck and Gaddis Pharmacy.

Lid Will Be On Tomorrow.

Better fill up your gasoline tanks tonight because it will not be possible to get fuel for the smoke wagon tomorrow. Neither will you be able to get other things that you have been getting at business houses because the lid will be on tight, as a result of a movement started in the churches some two weeks ago. Petitions were circulated requesting the closing up of all business places on Sundays, the signers of said petitions pledging not to buy from business establishments on Sundays. We understand the petitions have in the neighborhood of one hundred signatures.

Proprietors of all places that have been in the habit of keeping open part of the day on Sundays, have signified their willingness to close and apparently welcome the movement.

Mrs. H. E. Plummer returned to her home in San Antonio yesterday after a visit here to her brother, M. H. Russell.

Mr. Aubery Johnson, who recently opened a barbershop here, moved his family down from Pearsall this week.

Granville Widener left yesterday morning in his Ford for Roswell and other points in New Mexico. He expects to return in about a month via Dallas.

If you are interested in an all purpose machine for the farm, let me show you a Samson Tractor. Demonstration free. W. B. Stanfield.

Dr. R. L. Graham, O. W. Barnd, and V. C. Rankin took a little vacation up on the Nueces in Uvalde county this week. They report a fine outing and plenty of fish.

If You Spend 50c On Rat-Snap to Save \$100?

One 50c pkg. can kill 50 rats. The average rat will rob you of \$10 a year in feed, chicks and property destruction. RAT-SNAP is deadly to rats. Cremates after killing. Leaves no smell. Comes in cakes. Rats will pass up meat, grain, cheese to feast on RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by T. R. Keck and Gaddis Pharmacy.

B. Y. P. U. Notes.

A Senior B. Y. P. U. was organized Thursday evening Oct. 7th, at Mr. S. Cotulla's home enrolling seventeen members. The following officers elected: President, Ruth Ferguson; Vice-President, Lucile Burris; Secretary, Charlie Marshall; Corresponding Secretary Fannie Herring; Treasurer, Frederick Binkley; Pianist, Ruth Tarver; Group Captain No. 1, Mrs. Roy Adams; Group Captain No. 2, William Tarver.

An interesting program was rendered last Sunday evening, and five new members were enrolled.

The program for the next meeting, Oct. 17th, 6:30 p. m.

Subject—Wining the Lost One by One.

Song.

Prayer.

Scripture Reading—Fannie Herring.

Song.

Introduction by Leader—Ruth Tarver.

Winning Souls for Christ—Ruth Ferguson.

Some Biblical Soul Winners—Lola Williams.

Any Christian Can Do It—Lucile Burris.

Our Encouragement—Willie Mae Kerr.

Hints That May Help—Trixie Neal.

The One Talent Man Mrs. S. Cotulla.

Song.

Prayer.

FOR SALE—One second hand mowing machine. Will trade for cow or goats. G. A. Grover J. M. Dobie Ranch.

NOTICE.

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F. O. M. CLUB.

The F. O. M. Girls are still so much alive that each meeting of the Club seems better than the previous, and the girls rejoice that their little secret is still their own.

The meeting last Friday evening with Miss Grace Tarver was evidence of the growing interest, as the girls all declared this to be the happiest event since their organization.

Miss Grace is enimitable hostess, and her gracious humor on this occasion was most contagious.

Shortly after the Club had assembled they went in giggling good humor to the Dixie Theater to see Mary Pickford in Captain Kidd jr. After the show they returned to the Tarver home, where the hostess assisted by her mother served a beautiful Mexican supper.

After the festivities in the dining room music and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

The guests other than Club members were Mrs. Lois Watson and Miss Edith Caperton.

Married at Austin.

Mrs. Minnie Thompson, for a number of years manager of the Southwestern Telephone Exchange here, and who only recently resigned her place with that company, was married on October 9th, at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. E. Perriat, at Austin, Texas, to Mr. Charles R. Mueley, of Corpus Christi. After the marriage the couple left for a trip of indefinite length in North Texas, after which they will be at home at Corpus Christi.

Notice

I will grind corn meal for the Public every Saturday. Also have fresh meal for sale.

E. T. Widener

James Stucky Says "Rats Cost Me \$125 For Plumbing Bill."

We couldn't tell what was clogging up our toilet and drains. We had to tear up floor, pipes, etc., found a rat's nest in basement. They had choked the pipes with refuse. The plumber's bill was \$125. RAT-SNAP cleaned the rodent out. Three sizes 25c, 50, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by T. R. Keck and Gaddis Pharmacy.

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