

Ferguson Forum Good Roads Campaign

WHAT GOOD ROADS MEAN!

Every farmer, every son and daughter of a farmer, knows what the rural free delivery system has meant to the people who live far from postoffices and from street deliveries of mail.

There are many of us who know what it meant to live on the old "star routes" in Texas—that is, the nearest town was on a star route. The star route system meant that some mail rider had to drive miles from the nearest railroad station—which might be all of thirty miles away, with the mail.

Then the farm or the ranch was another twenty miles from the little village where the star route ended. Mail was an event in those days—and they are not more than fifteen or twenty years in the back ground in some parts of what is now the fertile farm land in Central Texas.

Ranches have been broken up into farms—people live within calling distance of each other. The automobile has brought them even closer than the sales of the big ranches.

And along with other developments of this age of ours has come the rural free delivery.

But it is to be wondered if the people to whom the rural free delivery system means so much of a chance to have contact with the outside world know what the building of a good roads system means?

Authority by which the rural free delivery system has been built up in this country is based on the clause in the Federal Constitution which gives Congress power "to establish postoffices and post roads" and the money made available may only be expended on post roads outside of towns "having a population of two thousand five hundred or more, except that portion of any such street or road along which the houses average more than two hundred feet apart."

Although some attempts had been made to start rural free delivery as early as 1890, it was not until 1896 that the first routes were established. By 1900 there were about 4,000 routes in operation, which took mail to some three and a half million people living in the country.

By 1919 about one-seventh of the postal appropriation was going to rural delivery systems. But—

The postoffice department adopted a ruling that said free delivery could be established only along "reasonably good roads"—and no carrier was required to make his run if the advantages of rural free delivery did not arouse the people who profited by the route to put the roads into better condition. The postoffice department reasoned that after a man had gotten in the habit of getting mail once every day, instead of twice a week or twice a month, he would be willing to keep the roads up to keep such a convenience.

These facts, set down before men and women who know what the rural free delivery system has meant to them, put a new aspect on the demand for good roads. The development of roads throughout the rural districts means more than financial advantages, such as a closer contact with markets; it means also that the government depends on the man who is getting mail to keep the roads so that the delivery men will be able to give efficient service.

Every farmer has enough interests in road building for him to look on any and every system as a sort of octopus, reaching out arm after arm for moer support and consideration of the upkeep and building of that road and the roads that touch it here and there throughout the state.

Auto Plates for 1926 Exceed Million Pair

Texas Automobile number plates for 1926 are being received at State Highway Department, Austin, according to recent information from the Chief Clerk in Auditing Department.

Something over one million pairs of plates were purchased for 1926, and of this number there are 950,000 passenger plates, 100,000 commercial motor vehicle plates, 10,000 motor bus plates, 10,000 dealer plates, 10,000 trailer and tractor plates and 5,000 motorcycle plates. All plates are a grade heavier than were the 1925 plates, passenger plates are black figures on gray background; dealers plates, black figures on green background; busses, yellow figures on black; commercial, black on white, tractor and trailer, black on carmine background, and motorcycles, white figures on black background.

The grade of enamel of the plates is said to be first class in every particular.

Texas Traffic Census

The Hoffman Construction Company, San Antonio, according to the October Texas Highway Bulletin, has recently been making a traffic census, which carries in addition to the statistical information, substance material for the analytical mind, along with the substantial proof of community development.

On State Highway No. 2, nine miles northeast of San Antonio, between San Antonio and Austin, this construction company stationed their traffic statistician, D. E. Blackburn for a period of twelve hours.

He counted vehicles without letting up, and marked down on his record 1800 vehicles, including all classes, the night traffic would doubtless have brought the number up to 2000.

On Highway No. 27, 1 mile east of Comfort, Mr. Blackburn counted vehicles for seven days, and gave as the total average per day as 319 vehicles. For State Highway No. 3, six miles west of San Antonio, September 6, 13, the average daily vehicle traffic is given as being 642 vehicles, team traffic, according to Mr. Blackburn, on this road is heavy, owing to it being wood hauling season.

While this information with regard to traffic on these three highways is interesting, it cannot be considered as complete, owing to the record not having been kept for the full twenty-four hours. Another thought in this connection, is that the tourist travel to a certain extent, has decreased with the advent of the fall.

State Highway No. 27 is the route known as the old Camino Real, King's Highway. Highway No. 3, leads from Austin to Del Rio, and Highway No. 2, is known as the Post Road.

A traffic census taken some time ago on the Dallas-Fort Worth Pike, near Arlington gave the figures showing that 8,492 vehicles passed a given point in twenty-four hours. In addition to this number there were ninety-five light trucks, one hundred heavy trucks, and sixty busses, making a grand total of 8,747 motor vehicles to pass over this highway in twenty-four hours.

This page is part of a series to promote the building of more GOOD ROADS in Texas, and is contributed by the undersigned public spirited citizens who have at heart the best interests of this great State.

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Young Wood Cleans up a Fortune in Big Florida Land Deal

New York, Oct. 23.—Broke six months ago, Osborne Cutler Wood, son of and former aide to Major General Leonard Wood, says that he has made \$100,000 in Tampa real estate.

Notorious Woman Thief Makes Escape From Buffalo Jail

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 22.—"Cateye" Annie, escaped from the Erie county jail sometime between midnight and dawn.

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AUSTIN The Driskill

European Plan Is the Hotel AT AUSTIN

Cotton Prices Crumble Again As Census Guessers Add to Estimate Showing Increase in 1925 Crop

New York, Oct. 26.—Cotton prices broke \$6 a bale today on publication of the government crop estimate of 15,226,000 bales, an increase of 4,000 bales compared with the forecast on October 1.

Washington, Oct. 26.—A probable cotton production of about 15,226,000 equivalent 500 pound bales, the department of agriculture announced today, as indicated by reports as of Oct. 13 on condition, abandonment, probable fields and ginnings.

Protection of Health of School Children Urged by State Health Head to Make Them Mentally Fit

By H. O. SAPPINGTON State Health Officer

The time has been when measles mumps, whooping cough, and other so-called children's diseases were considered a necessary part of the trials and tribulations of childhood.

Such fallacies as the above have long since been exploded, but like other things of the traditional past, the beliefs and practices handed down from successive generations are still entertained by many of the present time.

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Several Hurt When Dancers Try to Hold up Bootlegging Band

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 26.—Eight persons, one of whom is expected to die, are in the city jail and a local hospital after a dance battle Sunday at a ranch near Elmendorf, where dancers attempted to hijack five men of their load of liquor, which was to have been sold at the entertainment.

Texas Teachers May Take Stand Against Action of State Board Barring Teaching of Evolution

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 23.—Barring of evolution from the public school course of the state does not meet with the approval of school teachers, R. T. Ellis, secretary of the Texas State Teachers' association, declared in connection with the annual meeting of the association here Nov. 25-26.

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Security Pact Framed at Locarno Given Approval By Tom Connally In Interview With Temple Paper

(From Temple Telegram.) The security pacts recently negotiated at Locarno indicate that Europe is at last on the road to peace, in the opinion of Representative Tom Connally of this district.

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Coolidge Declares Youths Need More Control at Home; Function of Parenthood Is Breaking Down

Washington, Oct. 24.—The present-day need of the American youth is "more home control through parental action," President Coolidge declared today in addressing the forty-second international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada.

BUSS LINES EXEMPT FROM THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

Austin, Tex., Oct. 23.—A traction company that has abandoned its lines and now operates auto buses instead of street cars does not have to pay gross receipts tax, Comptroller Terrell advised the Marshall Traction company at Marshall.

Name Legion Heads

Austin, Tex., Oct. 21.—Assignment of the division commanders of the Texas American Legion selected at the September state convention has been made. Adjutant S. M. Hankins announced today.

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Ferguson Forum "Builders of Texas" Campaign

The Citrus Fruits of Texas

The area in Texas which is suited for the cultivation of Citrus Fruits extends from the eastern border of the state about Jefferson Co. to Laredo on the west, but the greatest success has been attained in the lower Rio Grande valley. One of the earliest regions was that around Beaumont where trees were bearing fruit in the late nineties. This required a system of drainage and also one of irrigation in order to keep the soil in the proper condition for the health of the tree, and such a system was in successful operation by 1910. During the season of the year when the trees need to be dormant, it is necessary to see that they have very little water, and also the same condition should prevail during the growth of the tree to maturity in order that this growth should not be too rank. Then when the growing season comes, there is great need of an even and abundant supply of water which can be secured in most cases only by irrigation. The lower latitude and more tropical climate of the extreme Southern part of the state give that section the advantage of those places which are more often visited by freezing weather, and as a result more

than 90 per cent of the citrus bearing trees are to be found in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

It is estimated that there are now 750,000 trees in Texas, and as the most of them are young, the yield is not as great as may be expected in a few years from the same number. The season of 1923-24 saw the shipment of 250 cars and that of 1924-25 almost trebled the one before. A conservative estimate of between 2,000 and 3,000 cars by 1930 is based upon the increase of production in other sections of the United States. Florida and California, which have proved to be successful in the cultivation of citrus fruits, and the same authority says there is a possibility of from 10,000 to 15,000 cars within the next ten years. About 85 per cent of the trees are grapefruit which is larger and

sweeter than those grown either in Florida or California; 15 per cent are oranges more of which are Satsuma than any other kind and 3 per cent are lemons. There are a few minor fruits such as limes and kumquats for which the figures are unavailable.

How does Texas stand in relation to California and Florida which are the only other states that have any considerable production of these fruits? California ships annually about 55,000 cars and Florida about 37,000. These numbers look very large to us now, but with this potential area available and suitable for the production of the citrus fruits in Texas; with more knowledge of the proper varieties to plant and the proper methods of cultivation; with an increasing interest and pride in these products as a Texas product (and in the case of grapefruit a better one); with a better organization for the purpose of handling the crop when it is ready to place on the market; with all these possibilities carried to their fullest development there is no reason why Texas should not assume a place of national importance as a producer of Citrus Fruits.

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