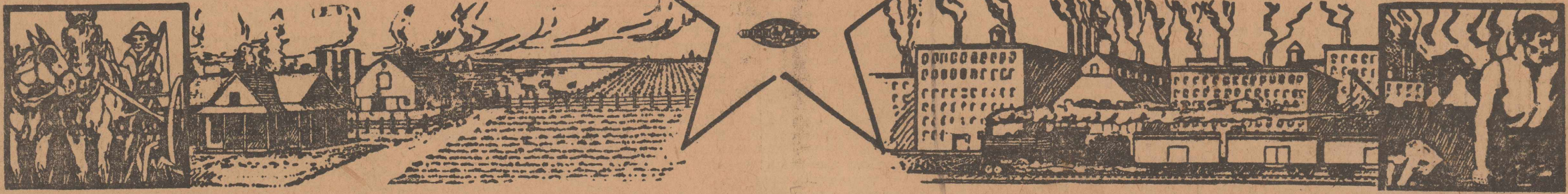


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## More Than 16 Bales On 5 Acres Wins Grand Prize in 1926 Cotton Contest For Smith County Man

### THE HIGH FIVE

The five highest contestants in the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" competition in 1925 are listed in this table upon a basis of exactly five acres although their contest plots either fell short or exceeded in a small way the actual measurement of five acres. This scaling of these contestants to the five acre basis was done by the State Contest Committee and shows the results from each of the five high tracts as follows:

Name and Address—	Lbs. Seed Cotton.	Lbs. Lint Cotton.	Staple (Inch)
G. M. Adams, Tyler, Smith County	8,981	7,885	1 1-16
J. W. McFarlane, Palestine, Anderson	17,032	7,885	3/4 to 15-16
Claude Nash, Henderson, Rusk County	18,890	7,835	3/4 to 1
W. M. McCaleb, Vernon, Wilbarger	18,062	7,704	3/4 to 3/8
Worth Jagers, Mount Vernon, Franklin	19,270	7,571	1 1-16

By VICTOR H. SCHOFFELMAYER, Agricultural Editor of Dallas Morning News and Semi-Weekly Farm News.

(From Sunday Dallas News)

With a stunning victory for staple cotton and a triumph in the annals of Texas cotton production, the 1925 "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest, sponsored by The Dallas News and The Semi-Weekly Farm News, came to a close when G. M. Adams, Smith County farmer and one-time plumber of Tyler, set a new high mark of more than three bales an acre, or more than sixteen bales on five acres of unirrigated land.

Mr. Adams wins The News \$1,000 grand prize for highest production of lint and also the East Texas district prize of \$500, offered by the Dallas Cotton Exchange and the Texas Cotton Association for highest yield of staple cotton of Government inch length. His staple measured 1 1-16 inches and besides, was of superior quality. Mr. Adams also won the Smith County first prize of \$200, or a total of \$1,700.

Mr. Adams also will be awarded the Emerson-Brantingham Implement Company prize of one E-B Standard riding cultivator valued at \$80. Also, he and other winners in The News cotton contest will be awarded a pair of overalls manufactured by the Lone Star Factory operated by Sanger Bros. of Dallas. The overall carries the name of "Cotton Contest."

Furthermore, Mr. Adams and two other of the highest prize winners will be awarded cash prizes offered by the Kelly Plow Company of Longview, the first prize being \$100; the second \$75 and the third \$50.

The Atlas Metal Works will present the winner of the grand prize with a corrugated metal tank of thirty barrels capacity.

The State cotton contest committee, which met in Dallas last week, selected the winners of fourteen prizes. All first prize winners will be honored at the annual cotton contest banquet at the Baker hotel, Dallas, the night of Jan. 22.

Four other Texas farmers also passed the three-bales-an-acre mark and helped to make cotton history, which perhaps is destined to mark the beginning in Texas, which should be of vast benefit to agriculture and business in general.

**List of Winners.**  
The following entrants in the 1925 cotton contest are winners:

**\$1,000 Grand Prize.**  
G. M. Adams, Tyler, Smith county, most pounds of lint cotton on five acres of unirrigated land.

**Staple Cotton Contest.**  
Government inch district staple cotton contest:

**East Texas.**  
First Prize, \$500—G. M. Adams, Tyler, Smith county.  
Second Prize, \$200—W. H. Jackson (colored), Tyler, Smith county.  
Third Prize, \$100—Newton Orr, Mount Enterprise, Rusk county.

**West Texas.**  
First Prize \$500—Mrs. F. O. Masten, Wellington, Collinsworth county.  
Second Prize, \$200—L. F. Mock, Memphis, Hall county.  
Third Prize, \$100—J. L. Dyer, Goldsboro, Coleman county.

**South Texas.**  
First Prize, \$500—Willie Volkert, Ganado, Jackson county.  
Second Prize, \$200—L. W. Johnson, Victoria, Victoria county.  
Third Prize, \$100—Robert J. Kovar, Fayetteville, Fayette county.

**Winners of Crop Record Prizes.**  
First Prize, \$200—J. A. Moore, Grand Prairie, Dallas county.  
Second Prize, \$100—E. W. Thurmond, Alto, Cherokee county.  
Third Prize, \$100—Dr. Griff Ross, Mount Enterprise, Rusk county.

Fourth Prize, \$50—John W. McFarlane, Palestine, Anderson county. Of all the prizes awarded in the 1925 "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest, not one went to a farmer who raised short staple cotton, thereby proving that staple cotton through intensive farming methods can be made to produce maximum yields per acre. This achievement is expected to be reflected widely in a movement for quality staple cotton, which marks The News and Semi-Weekly Farm News 1926 cotton contest. The fallacy that it is necessary to plant inferior varieties of short-staple cotton in order to make high yields is exploded.

Mr. Adams' yield, as determined by the State cotton contest committee, was a total of 8,981 pounds of net lint on a basis of five acres, or at the rate of 1,616 pounds of lint an acre.

Actually Mr. Adams' supposedly five acres measured only 4.46 acres when surveyed by the county surveyor of Smith county. In fact, not one of the fields of the five "high" contestants measured exactly five acres. Two contained more than five

acres and three less than the required amount but, since it was the obvious intent of the contestants to farm five acres and their fields were measured by local contest committees the same as those of hundreds of other entrants, the state cotton contest committee felt there was nothing better to do than to put the five highest men on a five-acre basis.

The state cotton contest committee was headed by President T. O. Walton of Texas A. & M. college, who served as chairman. Other members of the committee are Col. P. L. Downs, active vice president of the First National Bank of Temple, and former chairman of the agricultural committee of the Texas Bankers' association; Judge J. W. Fitzgerald, vice president of the Citizens' National Bank of Tyler; Clifford B. Jones, farm land manager of the Spur Ranch; A. K. Short, director of the Sears, Roebuck and Co. Agricultural Foundation, a well known agricultural and cotton authority; Shepard W. King Sr., representing the Dallas Cotton Exchange, and E. B. Guthrie, representing the Texas Cotton association.

The other three-bales-an-acre men who crowded Mr. Adams for the grand prize are John W. McFarlane of Palestine, Anderson county, cotton king of 1924, who this year added five bales to his high record of one year ago with a yield of 17,032 pounds of seed cotton and a scaled yield of 7,885 pounds lint, net, on five acres; Claude Nash of Henderson, Rusk county, who produced 18,890 pounds of seed cotton and a scaled yield of 7,835 pounds of lint; net; W. M. McCaleb of Vernon, Wilbarger county, who raised 18,062 pounds of seed cotton and a scaled yield of 7,704 pounds lint, net, and Worth Jagers, a 13-year-old son of Job Jagers of Mount Vernon, Franklin county, who produced 19,270 pounds of seed cotton and a scaled yield of 7,571 pounds of lint, net.

Mr. McCaleb died on Dec. 5, before the cotton contest closed, the records being kept by his manager, Gracie Lucas.

None of these four high contestants, however, wins a prize, although if they had raised staple cotton they might have shared in the awards of the staple prizes.

On a per-acre yield basis Mr. Adams raised 1,616 pounds of lint, Mr. McFarlane 1,577 pounds, Mr. Nash 1,567 pounds, Mr. McCaleb 1,540 pounds and young Jagers 1,514 pounds of lint an acre.

It should be remembered that the

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## Governor Ferguson's First Year

(From Dallas News-Austin Staff Correspondent)

Austin, Texas, Jan. 19.—Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson Tuesday finished the first year of her two-year term as chief executive of the state, as she was inaugurated Jan. 20, 1925. The governor was all smiles when reminded of her service and when asked how she felt replied:

"I feel splendid and I have enjoyed my work very much, though I have felt the responsibility keenly."

"What do you consider the outstanding accomplishment during the first half of your term?"

"Extending mercy to several hundred poor unfortunates who were in the state penitentiary and also being able to raise the state prison system from debt during a lean, dry year of drouth. There are a number of other things I am proud of, but time is too limited to enumerate them here. You will find laws enacted at my recommendation which have brought unusual benefits to the people of the state, as an examination of the acts of the last legislature will show. It is only necessary to point to that volume and recall my specific recommendations to know what I mean."

Governor Ferguson was seated at her desk in the executive office. She was attired in a modish gown of dark hue, fitted for work. She wore glasses and was opening the morning mail.

Mr. Ferguson was not present, he having been in Houston and South Texas since last week.

Chatting about her experience, Mrs. Ferguson said: "I wake up in the morning thinking about this office and anxious to get over and do the day's work. However, I do not take the work to bed with me for more worry, nor do I dream about its burdens. I try to give serious consideration to the matters which arise during the day and when I leave the office I leave its work behind me, going to the executive mansion for the joy of being with my daughters and my little grandson, our only grandchild. There I cast off the office burdens in the enjoyment of the family circle, of which Jim is a big part."

"It is hard for the people of the state, particularly the good women, to know what I have to go through with in the many pardon cases which have been brought to my attention. The pathetic pleas that are poured into my ears are enough to touch the heart of anyone. The misery, privation and want that result from the punishment of a man who has been the sole support of a family consisting of a good wife and several small children and the tears of an aged mother who has not forsaken her erring son behind prison bars are things that would appeal to any woman, and I can not resist them if the prisoner has had a reasonable amount of punishment and has shown a disposition to reform. Then there are other extenuating circumstances that beget mercy."

"I am proud of having a heart that responds to merciful instincts and have no apology to make for granting the pardons I have granted. In many instances they were to some poor unfortunate who had been forgotten and had no friends to intercede. This morning a man pleaded for a boy who is the sole support of a 70 year old mother who lives in a one-room shack with crevices a dog can crawl through and with only one chair in the place; a miserable condition. That is a fair sample of what I hear and of which proof is produced."

The governor said she was proud in having the state prison system on a cash basis, with all current debts paid, even those of a previous administration, saying "that record speaks for itself."

Mrs. Ferguson said she expected to continue through her second year with equal happiness and success.

### Ed Cudahy, Kidnaped By Pat Crowe in 1900 Takes Father's Desk

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Edward A. Cudahy Jr., forty-one, now sits at the old desk of his father as president of the \$72,500,000 Cudahy Packing Corporation. In the summer of 1900 he sat in a garret with Pat Crowe, threatened with death if he made an outcry, while his father gathered up \$25,000 which was left in a designated spot after which young Eddie, none the worse for his experience, was restored to his parents.

The kidnaping took place in Omaha, where E. A. Cudahy, the youngest of the four meat packing brothers, lived. Pat Crowe had a police record here long before he went into the kidnaping business. He was recently arrested in New York for vagrancy. There was no prosecution of Crowe. Young Cudahy went to work for the company first as a billing clerk. He was made a vice president in 1915.

### Garter Flasks Are Latest Style With Girls in Virginia

Bristol, Va. Jan. 20.—Garter flasks, highly ornamental, are the rage in this vicinity. Dozens of the little three-drink containers have been sold here. Many of them passed as Christmas presents. Popularity of the garter flasks is ascribed to several advantages they are said to provide over the obsolete mode of carrying liquor in purses or pockets. They promise to upset the purpose of "search and seizure" laws, and they are handy and rather pretty.

### Woman Resigns Place as County Treasurer For Brazos County

Bryan, Texas, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Dora Wilson Strong has resigned as County Treasurer of Brazos county on account of the removal of the family to Amarillo. Mrs. Clarence Vick has been appointed by the commissioners' court as treasurer to succeed her.

### 32 Ropes of Pearls Worth \$45,000,000 Left by Margarita

Rome, Jan. 20.—Queen Margarita left a collection of pearls to her son, the Italian king, said to be the second most valuable in the world. Twenty years ago they were appraised at \$45,000,000.

They are in thirty-two ropes with a total length of 220 1-4 yards. King Umberto gave his wife a rope every year and she bought many more. The Maharajah Clapartele, an Indian potentate, has a slightly larger collection. The pearls of Queen Victoria of England have been divided into three parts and the Russian imperial pearls dispersed, so the collection of Queen Margarita is the finest in Europe.

The Duke of Genoa, her favorite brother, inherits many beautiful stones. To Queen Elena the late Queen Mother left her largest diadem and her emeralds. The present Queen already has the finest collection of these gems owned by any royalty. Each of the King's four daughters also receives a magnificent diadem.

## Amarillo Man Writes Letter To A. G. Carter, Ft. Worth Publisher Asking Some Pointed Questions

Following is a copy of a letter written by H. L. Mauldin, of Amarillo, to Amon G. Carter, of Fort Worth, which has been received by the Forum with permission from Mr. Mauldin for its publication:

"Mr. A. G. Carter, Fort Worth, Texas.  
"My Dear Amon:—I am in receipt of your letter of Dec. 18, 1925, in which you deny the charges made against you by Governor Ferguson. And you say you waived certain rights as to libel law. Now Amon, isn't it true that you were afraid that if you brought suit they would prove it on you."

"You ask if I care nothing about how the state's money is being spent and go on as if everybody is dumb that don't get excited about this highway muddle. How did you stand with the two previous governors? Why didn't you become alarmed when our state's money was slipping away then? The several million dollars that was left in the state treasury when they kicked Jim Ferguson out. This together with a deficiency of three million dollars more making a total of nearly nine million dollars was spent by the two previous governors. Over seven hundred thousand dollars had to be borrowed to run the penitentiary while the state's cotton was bringing from 30c to 40c a pound. And as Ma has decreed that this is laugh month, please laugh this off."

"Our state was in a bankrupt condition. State employees were having to discount their warrants. Now mind you this all happened during the reign of one of the governors from whom you so proudly boast of having received your appointment as regent of the W. T. college. Why didn't you become alarmed then? Why did you wait until we had elected a governor that had put the state on a cash basis with the state's funds increasing by leaps and bounds? Did all this cause you to become so excited that you couldn't keep quiet at a football game and had to be escorted from the grounds by officers? Here is another good laugh."

"I am convinced that there might have been some carelessness in the highway department, but I was satisfied that the Fergusons would straighten it out. Which they have done, and we now have a new deal in highway officers and that is all any governor could do. As to the Fergusons employing an attorney, they only raised a point as to who had the authority to bring suit, the attorney general or the governor. The court decided in favor of the attorney general and the decision was accepted and no objections raised."

"If the decision had been in favor of the governor I would bet that she would have made a better settlement than was made by Dangerous Dan. No sane man believes that the American Road Company would have quit so easy if they hadn't been getting the best of the deal. No, they would still be fighting in the courts. The six hundred thousand dollars that you are trying to make people believe they saved has dwindled down to two hundred and eighty-four thousand, and their contract only half done. Who wouldn't give up a contract on these terms?"

"Now Amon, if the state isn't in a better financial condition when the Fergusons go out than it was when your friends went out, I will be willing to subscribe for the Star-Telegram for the rest of my life."

"Yours for many a good laugh,  
"H. L. MAULDIN,

"Amarillo, Texas, Jan. 3, 1926."

### All Forrest Cavalry Survivors to Report to State Commander

The Forum is in receipt from Gen. William N. Porter, state commander of Forrest Cavalry Corps, 1814 Rogers avenue, San Antonio, of a request to publish the following which other Texas papers also are asked to publish:  
"Lieut. General Wm. A. Collier, Commanding Forrest Cavalry Corps Memphis, Tennessee requests that all survivors of Forrest Cavalry in Texas report to the State Commander, General Wm. N. Porter 1814 Rogers avenue, San Antonio, Texas, giving the address, rank, company, Regiment, Brigade and when enlisted; also if you expect to attend reunion at Birmingham, Alabama."

### Illinois Klan Sued for \$50,000 Fees by Former Grand Dragon

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 20.—Charles Palmer, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan of Illinois, now head of the American Lloyd's Insurance company, has filed suit against the Ku Klux Klan of Illinois, asking \$50,000 which he claims is due him as his commission on members, robes and masks.

### Fisherman Off Bay State Coast Drags 198 Quarts to Top

Hyannis, Mass. Jan. 20.—Scalloping fishing has taken on added zest here. A Finnish resident went out the other day and investigating an unfamiliar stake discovered a cache of 195 quarts of Scotch whiskey.

## TO CANDIDATES—

The Forum is the best medium for making known your candidacy as it is read more closely than any other paper in all Texas. Political announcements of candidates for office in the 1926 campaigns will be published from now until the July primaries at the following rates:

Precinct offices .....	\$10.00
County offices .....	\$15.00
District offices—	
judges, district attorneys, etc. ....	\$25.00
State offices .....	\$50.00

Cash must accompany notice.

If you put your announcement in the Forum the voters will see it.



Roster of Governors of Texas, From Passing of Republic, 1845, Down to Ferguson Regime, 1925

The compilation given here is one of a series of articles by J. Marvin Nichols, published in the Houston Chronicle, and it is worthy of preservation in scrapbooks and historic files. The list shows the names of all who have filled the governor's office from 1845, when the flag of the Republic of Texas was furled and the Lone Star took its place in galaxy of states of the American union, down to the present time when the office is filled by a woman.

Received 228,776 out of 318,300 votes. 1848—L. S. Ross, democrat, opponent, Marion Martin. Received 250,305 out of 348,735 votes. 1849—J. S. Hogg, democrat; opponent, W. Flanagan, E. C. Heath. Received 262,432 out of 342,409 votes. 1850—J. S. Hogg, democrat; opponents, George Clark, T. L. Nugent, A. J. Houston, D. M. Prendergast. Received 190,486 out of 435,467 votes. 1851—C. A. Culberson, democrat; opponents, T. L. Nugent, W. K. Makemson, J. B. Schmidt, J. M. Dunn. Received 207,167 out of 422,716 votes. 1852—C. A. Culberson, democrat; opponents, J. C. Kearby, Randolph Clark. Received 298,528 out of 539,778 votes. 1853—J. D. Sayers, democrat; opponents, Barnett Gibbs, R. P. Bailey, G. H. Royall. Received 291,543 out of 554 votes. 1854—J. D. Sayers, democrat; opponents, R. E. Hanney, T. J. McMinh, G. H. Royall. Received 303,586 out of 449,624 votes. 1855—S. W. T. Lanham, democrat; opponents, George W. Burlitt, J. M. Mallard, G. W. Carroll. Received 219,076 out of 309,150 votes. 1856—S. W. T. Lanham, democrat; opponents, J. G. Lowden, Pat B. Clark, W. D. Jackson, Frank Lettner, W. H. Mills. Received 206,160 out of 279,881 votes. 1857—J. M. Campbell, democrat; opponents, C. A. Gray, J. W. Pearson, G. C. Edwards, A. S. Dowler, A. W. Acheson. Received 148,264 out of 185,840 votes. 1858—J. M. Campbell, democrat; opponents, J. N. Simpson, J. E. Rhodes, W. B. Cook, E. C. Heath. Received 218,956 out of 300,743 votes. 1859—O. B. Colquitt, democrat; opponents, J. O. Terrell, Reddin Andrews, A. J. Houston, Carl Schmitz. Received 174,536 out of 218,803 votes. 1860—O. B. Colquitt, democrat; opponents, Ed Lasater, C. W. Johnson, A. J. Houston, Reddin Andrews, K. E. Choate. Received 234,352 out of 301,157 votes. 1861—James E. Ferguson, democrat; opponents, F. M. Fitzhugh, John W. Philip, E. O. Meitzen. Received 176,539 out of 218,781 votes. 1862—James E. Ferguson, democrat; opponents, R. B. Creager, E. O. Meitzen, H. W. Lewis. Received 298,067 out of 303,555 votes. Resignation of Governor F. M. Fitzhugh followed by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby. 1863—W. P. Hobby, democrat; opponents, Charles A. Boynton, William D. Simpson. Received 148,982 out of 177,855 votes. 1864—Pat M. Neff, democrat; opponent, G. C. Chubberson, H. C. Myers, T. H. McGregor, L. L. Rhodes. Received 239,183 out of 481,731 votes. 1865—Pat M. Neff, democrat; opponent, W. H. Atwell. Received 339,199 out of 407,523 votes. 1866—James E. Ferguson, democrat; opponent, George C. Butler. Wife of former Governor James E. Ferguson. Received 422,059 out of 720,105 votes.

Live Oak Road Bond Issue of \$650,000 is Approved at Austin

Three Rivers, Tex., Jan. 20.—Approval by Attorney General Dan Moody of the \$650,000 Live Oak county road bond issue, has paved road through from San Antonio to the Lower Rio Grande valley that will be 60 miles shorter than the present route. When word reached here that the bonds had been approved there was general rejoicing among local people who have been fighting for good roads many months. Of the \$650,000 issue, approximately \$250,000 will be for refunding bonds while the \$400,000, to be matched by State and Federal aid, will be for the highway connecting with the paving now being built through Pleasanton on through Atascosa county to the Live Oak county line and through Three Rivers on to Simmons City. There will be about 35 miles of paved road built by this bond issue. In the meantime plans are being perfected for the east and west road and within the next two years Live Oak county is expected to have one of the best hard surfaced road systems in the state and will be on the main arteries from San Antonio to the Lower Rio Grande valley and from Houston to Laredo.

A. F. Jagge, Pioneer of Castroville Is Dead at Age of 69

Castroville, Texas, Jan. 20.—A. F. Jagge, prominent ranchman and one of the pioneer settlers of this section died at a hospital in San Antonio early in the year. Mr. Jagge was 69 years old and was an enthusiastic member of the Old Trail Drivers' association. He had lived in this place many years and received a large family, his sons and daughters being among the most esteemed citizens in the communities in which they live. His funeral was attended by relatives, friends and neighbors from many points. Mr. Jagge always took a deep interest in the political affairs of his country and state and he was a strong and loyal supporter of Jim Ferguson and of Mrs. Ferguson and always showed strong sympathy for the Ferguson cause. He leaves three daughters and four sons. The daughters are: Mrs. W. M. Schmidt, Mrs. E. H. Poerner, Miss Linora Jagge, all of San Antonio. The sons are: Fred, Juel and Archie Jagge, of Castroville; P. C. Jagge, of Hondo. Twelve grandchildren survive and there are three sisters: Mrs. W. M. Rihn, Castroville; Mrs. J. W. Galbreath, Robstown; Mrs. Frank Grimsinger, San Antonio.

J. E. Mercer Named District Judge in Place of Terrell

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 20.—J. E. Mercer, Fort Worth attorney and member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, has received notice from Governor Miriam A. Ferguson at Austin of his appointment as Judge of the Sixty-Seventh District Court. Judge Ben M. Terrell, who died January 19, had held the place since his appointment in 1915 by James E. Ferguson, then governor. Judge Mercer was born in Denton county in 1880, and was reared on a farm. He went through the public schools of Denton and the old Fort Worth University. Upon his graduation from the university Mercer took office in 1917, followed by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby. 1918—W. P. Hobby, democrat; opponents, Charles A. Boynton, William D. Simpson. Received 148,982 out of 177,855 votes. 1919—Pat M. Neff, democrat; opponents, G. C. Chubberson, H. C. Myers, T. H. McGregor, L. L. Rhodes. Received 239,183 out of 481,731 votes. 1920—Pat M. Neff, democrat; opponent, W. H. Atwell. Received 339,199 out of 407,523 votes. 1921—James E. Ferguson, democrat; opponent, George C. Butler. Wife of former Governor James E. Ferguson. Received 422,059 out of 720,105 votes.

Approval of Pecos Irrigation Project Sought by Texans

Washington, Jan. 16.—Representing citizens of the Pecos valley in Texas, R. A. Gray and John F. Miller urged approval of projects for flood control and extension of irrigation in that region before the house irrigation committee today. Land now valued at \$6,000,000, they said, is offered as security for the proposed government land of approximately half that amount for the work which includes the construction of a dam on the Pecos river at Red Bluff on the Texas-New Mexico line. These projects are all carried in a bill introduced by Representative Claude Hudspeth. The future of agriculture in the valley, the witnesses declared, depends upon provisions for these two angles of protection and supply. Further hearings were deferred at the request of Representative Morrow, democrat, New Mexico, until he can determine the attitude of citizens in that region of his state. Millionaire Waco Woman. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 16.—Charles Y. Knight of Pasadena, a multi-millionaire and inventor of an automobile motor, and Mrs. Mamie C. Smythe of Waco, Tex., were married here today.

Threats Shower on Klan Kligrapp Who Led 600 in Revolt

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 20.—Arthur J. Mann, stooped, towse-haired employe of a box factory, who has been "kligrapp" or secretary of the New Haven Ku Klux Klan, Unit No. 1, for five years, because, as he says, "the boys knew I have a happy way of writing," has been twice threatened since he announced the dissolution of the Klan here. Recently Mann gave to the newspapers a letter written by him to Walter J. Bossert, imperia, kligrapp of the Klan in Indianapolis and successor to D. C. Stephenson, now serving a sentence for murder. In his letter Mann denounced the Klan as "degenerated into nothing less than an organization of greed," and as "the greatest menace facing the American people today."

Early in the morning after his letter had been given out, Mann was called to the telephone in his home at No. 23 East Pearl Street, in the outskirts of New Haven. A voice, strange to him, informed him that he had "destroyed the Klan in this part of the country" by his action. "I guess I got kind of hot," said Mann, describing the incident. "I talked right back. The man—he said his name was Manny—told me he would like to punch me in the nose. I offered to meet him anywhere and let him try. Then he said, 'Never mind. I'll get you some time for this.'"

Al Smith's Decision to Quit the Game of Politics Causes Stir

New York, Jan. 20.—Retraction by Governor Smith of announcement that he will retire to private life at the end of his present term next January, has thrown a bomb shell into state politics. What effect his decision will have on the national campaign in 1928 is a question receiving much attention by political followers. In many quarters it is felt that his chance for the have been enhanced and that his announcement refers only to state offices. Shortly after Mayor Walker of New York had been elected, chiefly through the support of the governor, he made a tour of seven northern states in which he pleaded for co-operation between the southern democrats and Tammany Hall.

Outlook in Mexico Is Held Favorable For Truce on Oil

Mexico City, Jan. 16.—In the opinion of Luis Morones, minister of trade and commerce, the indications are most favorable for an agreement between oil men and the government with regard to the details for the enforcement of the Mexican law. Governor Morones expressed this opinion after a conference with representatives of the industry. "The Mexican government," he said in a statement to the Associated Press, "has only one desire in its relations with the petroleum industry—to make it each day more important." "The co-operation of all companies, foreign and Mexican, is welcomed. There is no reason for doubting the spirit of abundant welcome in which Mexico always has received and always will receive foreign business men who are disposed to comply with the laws of the Mexican republic. "The Mexican government repeatedly has said that foreign investors will find in Mexico magnificent opportunities. They are given the same protection of law and the moral aid of the authorities as Mexican investors. The only thing the Mexican government cannot offer foreigners are privileges not enjoyed by Mexican investors themselves. In order to put both Mexicans and foreign investors upon absolutely the same equality the government has passed laws applying alike to both. These laws are identical with those of all other countries for safeguarding their national interests without violating their legitimate national rights."

POLL TAXES MUST BE PAID BEFORE JAN. 31

Two Killed in Collision. New York, Jan. 18.—Two passengers were killed and fifty injured today in a rear end collision of two Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit corporation subway trains on the Williamsburg bridge.

War Debt Agreement With Europe Given Approval By Lower Branch Of Congress and Goes To Senate

Washington, Jan. 16.—The war debt agreements with Belgium, Rumania, Estonia, Czechoslovakia and Latvia, involving approximately \$600,000,000, were approved today by the house. In adopting resolutions to authorize acceptance of the terms recommended by the American debt commission, the house disposed of the last settlements negotiated during the summer. As sent to the senate, all of the agreements provide for a funding of the respective obligations over a 62 year period. Including the Italian debt approved yesterday, the United States will receive about \$3,000,000,000 from the six war loans.

Psychology Held Ruling Influence in Business Life

Evanson, Ill., Jan. 16.—Although psychology has been defined "as a word with four syllables which a person uses whenever he doesn't know what else to say," Prof. A. R. Gilliland of Northern Illinois university, asserts it is about "as easy to shake as one's shadow." Successful business men, he says, are keen psychologists, often without being aware of it. The minister who preaches, the lawyer when he gives legal advice and the doctor when he prescribes what to do, are using psychology. Professor Gilliland, who is a noted psychologist in discussing psychology and its application in business, explains that so far as the science is concerned, man must be treated as a machine—but a very complicated one. "We have learned how to build efficient machines but we have failed to adapt these machines to the individuals who are to use them," he declares. "We know that individuals differ but few of us realize how much they differ."

Mother in Amarillo Slashes Throats of Daughters and Self

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Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—Dwight E. Breed, 41, executive secretary of the Texas Health association since 1916, died Sunday night in a local hospital after an attack of heart disease. Mr. Breed had been a resident here since 1916. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the First Congregational church, Rev. R. P. Snider officiating. Burial will be held at Eaton Rapids, Mich., Mr. Breed's former home. The body was shipped Tuesday to his former home. Mr. Breed was born in Eaton Rapids, Mich., and was a graduate of Grinnell College at Grinnell, Iowa. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and a member of the Austin Rotary club and chairman of the board of trustees of the First Congregational church. Breed is survived by his widow and one son, Noel J. Breed, Berkeley, Cal.

New Year Greeting Recalls Days When Hired Girl Got \$2

George Neu, in his column in the Brenham Banner-Press gives a letter which recalls the days away back yonder when things were different. It is a version of the question "Do you remember away back when?" and Neu says the letter came as a new year greeting to one of his fellow Rotarians from a friend in New York. The letter is as follows: "Dear Friend—You can remember when eggs were a bit a dozen; butter 10 cents a pound, and milk 5 cents a quart. The butcher gave away liver, and treated the kids to bologna. The hired girl received two dollars per week, and did the washing. Women did not powder and paint, smoke, vote, play poker, or roll their stockings. "Men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk, and cussed. Beer was 5 cents, and the lunch was free. A day's work was ten hours, and there were no strikes. No tips were given to waiters and the hat-check girl was unknown. Horse hair furniture, a kerosene hanging lamp and a stereo were luxuries. "Appendicitis was unknown, and there was no market for monkey glands. Microbes were unheard of, and a doctor's visit set you back one dollar and a half. Folks lived to a good old age. "TODAY—Everybody rides in automobiles, or files; plays golf, shoots craps; goes to the movies nightly, smoke cigarettes, drink Rukus juice; blame the H. C. of L. on their neighbors; never go to bed the same day; get up and think they are having a wonderful time. "These are the days of suffragettes, profiteering, rent goes, excess taxes, and prohibition. If you think life is worth living, I wish you "A HAPPY NEW YEAR. "H. E. WETTER."

Letters of Britons Captured in War of 1812 Found Unopened

Washington, Jan. 20.—What may turn out to be a treasure trove of interesting but vitally important historical information was glimpsed here when Assistant Secretary Robinson opened and read for the first time since 1812 had been opened, six of about 50 letters recently found in a forgotten nook in the navy archives. None of the letters, which were taken from British ships by American privateers and naval vessels in the war of 1812, had been opened since their writers sealed them, until Mr. Robinson examined one of them. It was a private letter from a British colonel to a former British officer in the West Indies, and told of Wellington's prospects in the feasibility of raising a regiment in the West Indies. Secretary Wilbur is considering a plan to give children who win prizes in the school essay contests now being conducted about the "Big Game" situation, the privilege of opening the letters as a reward of merit. The unopened letters were found by the historical section of the navy, which is making a rearrangement of its files. It has recently systematized and indexed the naval records of the Confederacy, and captures may be utilized by the students.

Mississippi Mule Is Dangerous Animal Is Vital Bureau Report

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 16.—While not as famous in history as his cousin from Missouri, the Mississippi mule promises to make a name for himself. A check of the criminal activities of the obstinate animal completed by the state bureau of animal studies reveals that fifty deaths have resulted from his vicious traits during the past year. Dr. R. N. Whitfield, director of the bureau, has announced that most of the deaths for which mules are responsible resulted from kicks. Several persons suffered fatal injuries in attempting to ride mules. Reports show that the lazy animal is seldom charged with running away.

Bandits Drill Wall of 30 Inches to Get \$50,000 in Alcohol

New York, Jan. 20.—Working leisurely through the night with electric drills and crowbars, eight robbers cut through the 30-inch walls of the Burlington Industrial Alcohol corporation's warehouse in Greenwich street and escaped with alcohol valued at \$50,000 early Monday. The alcohol, stored in drums, was taken away on automobile trucks. The robbers did not attempt to force the heavy outer doors of the warehouse, but made their attack from an adjoining building where a watchman was overpowered and gagged. The walls of the warehouse, of brick and steel, are thirty inches thick. The robbers stole \$5,000 in cash and a number of violins and pieces of crockery from an adjoining warehouse.

Chinatown Girls in Frisco Shock Folks Dancing Charleston

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—In the "Street of Dim Lanterns" they are dancing the Charleston. The younger generation of San Francisco's noted Chinatown has accepted the ultra-modern step through the disgust of staid celestial parents. Chinese "jazz" musicians are supplying luring tunes and sleek, well-dressed youths and brown-eyed beauties are taking to the step enthusiastically. First somewhat timidly but now open defiance of the frowns of more conservative elders is the dance indulged. To emphasize the approval given the new step prizes are published and awarded to couples who execute it best.

Dancer Who Married Newspaper Man While on Jazz Party, Sues

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 20.—Fawn Gray, dancer, has filed suit for annulment of marriage to Theodore MacFarland, in Philadelphia newspaper man, in the circuit court here. The papers were placed on record by her attorney, J. Charles Fagan, who said the dancer was expected here within a month for the taking of testimony. The annulment papers give the dancer's real name as Gladys Marie Brown, daughter of a New York cartoonist, the age as 20, and that of MacFarland as 27. The marriage, it is stated, took place two months ago after a party beginning in Philadelphia and ending in New York. The papers allege that all members of the party were under the influence of liquor when the marriage ceremony was performed. Miss Gray states that she has no recollection of the ceremony, and asks annulment on the grounds of fraud, misrepresentation and deceit.

Millions Are Given By Copper Magnate to Boost Aviation

New York, Jan. 18.—In an effort to make the United States lead in civilian aviation, Daniel Guggenheim, copper magnate, has established a fund of \$2,600,000. Mr. Guggenheim's son, Harry F. Guggenheim, was formerly an aviator. The creation of the fund is announced in a letter to Secretary Hoover, published today. It is Mr. Guggenheim's second large gift to aviation, the first having been \$500,000 with which he established the School of Aeronautics of New York University last year. Trustees, yet to be chosen, will have unrestricted power in disposing of interest and principal of the fund \$500,000 of which is made immediately available for preliminary work. There is no intention of entering the business of aviation. Predicting that flying will establish itself as an independent industry in ten years, Mr. Guggenheim proposes the Daniel Guggenheim fund for the promotion of aeronautics, as it will be incorporated at Albany, this week, meanwhile shall promote aeronautical institutions, help the science of aviation and assist in the development of commercial aircraft and equipment. The fund will terminate at the end of the ten year period of development. In his letter to Secretary Hoover Mr. Guggenheim states that his family has long been interested with exploration "beneath the earth" and has tried to assist in development which would make mining more safe and profitable and attractive to able engineers and workmen. His hope, he said, now are to provide attractive opportunities for men to work and serve in the air.

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STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF BEXAR. }

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, Whereas, on December 6th, 1918, the period of five years from the last county seat election in Live Oak County will have elapsed, and another election can then be held to determine the location of the county seat; and

Whereas, I, George W. West, have large interests in and adjacent to the town of George West in Live Oak County, Texas, at the station of George West on the San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf Railway, and I am desirous that the county seat of said County shall be located at said town of George West;

Now therefore, I do hereby contract and agree with Live Oak County, Texas, and the County Commissioners, Court thereof, acting as the agent of said County, that if at any time within six months after the sixth day of December, 1918, the qualified voters of said county shall determine, in the manner provided by law, to locate said county seat of Live Oak County at said town of George West; and if, pursuant to the result of an election for that purpose as provided by law, the county seat of Live Oak County shall be removed to said town of George West and be there located, then I, George W. West, will donate and give to the County of Live Oak, Block No. Eighteen (18), of the value of Four Thousand Dollars \$ 4,000.00 in said town of George West for a site for the erection of the county court house and jail of said county, and will convey said Block to said County of Live Oak by general warranty deed on the same day that the said Commissioners' Court of Live Oak County enter upon the minutes of said court a valid order locating said county seat at said town of George West; and I will also pay to the County of Live Oak Seventy-five Thousand Dollars \$ 75,000.00 in cash, to be used by said county in paying for the county court house and jail to be erected on said block of land in said town of George West; the said payment of Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars to be paid by me when the said court house and jail shall be completed, and the said County of Live Oak through its proper agents shall tender to me the certificate of a competent architect whose competency shall be satisfactory to the Commissioners' Court of Live Oak County and The San Antonio Loan and Trust Company of San Antonio, Texas, that the said buildings are completed according to the plans and specifications therefor; and I will also convey by general warranty deed to said County the following property situated in Live Oak County, Texas:

- 1st. The brick school house owned by me and located in said town of George West, to be used for public, free school purposes; cost of construction over Twenty-three Thousand Dollars \$ 23,000.00
- 2nd. Block No. Twenty-seven (27) in said town of George West, on which said school is situated; value Two Thousand Dollars \$ 2,000.00
- 3rd. The steel bridge over the Nueces River near Kittie, Texas; cost of construction over Fifteen Thousand Dollars \$ 15,000.00
- 4th. The steel bridge on my ranch over Spring Creek; cost of construction over Seven Thousand Dollars \$ 7,000.00
- 5th. Bridge No. One (1) on road from Kittie to Three Rivers; cost of construction, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars \$ 750.00
- 6th. Bridge No. Two (2) on road from Kittie to Three Rivers; cost of construction, Four Hundred and Sixty Dollars \$ 460.00
- 7th. Santiago Creek Bridge; cost of construction Nine Hundred Dollars \$ 900.00
- 8th. Robinson Hollow Bridge; cost of construction, Seven Hundred Dollars \$ 700.00
- 9th. Timon Creek Bridge; cost of construction, Nine Hundred Dollars \$ 900.00

All of which bridges are located at said points indicated on my ranch in Live Oak County, Texas.

Also the following roads, each located on my ranch in Live Oak County and each leading to said town. The exact location of the boundaries of said roads is as shown on map attached hereto. Said roads are generally described as follows:

- 1st. A road from the East corner of the town of Three Rivers to the bridge near Kittie over the Nueces River, and thence to the south side of the right of way of the San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf Railroad at Kittie, which road includes the above described bridge and also the approaches to said bridge. The road is forty (40) feet wide, 2.58 miles, equaling 12.5 acres.
- 2nd. A road along the right of way of the San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf Railroad from the Simmons City Road to the Oakville and West Ranch Road. This is forty (40) feet wide, 1.88 miles, 9.12 acres.
- 3rd. A road from the West corner of the Pedro Guano Survey to the North corner of Block A. This road is forty (40) feet wide, 1.9 miles, 9.18 acres.
- 4th. A road from the North corner of Block A to intersect the division line between the West and Lyne Ranch on Survey No. One Hundred and Sixty-five (165), known as the North Road on Block A. This road is (40) feet wide, 5.81 miles, 28.19 acres.
- 5th. A road beginning on the road known as the North Road on Block A about one-fourth (1/4) of a mile northeast of the most Western corner of Survey No. Two Hundred and Thirty (230), thence Northwest to intersect with the public road in the Northwest line of Survey No. One Hundred and Twelve (112). This road is forty (40) feet wide, 2.24 miles, 10.92 acres.
- 6th. A road beginning on the road on the North line of Block A and in the Northwest line of the Louis Goodwin Survey; thence in a southeasterly direction to the intersection with the George West, Lyne Ranch and Clegg Road. This road is one hundred (100) feet wide, 2.61 miles, 31.73 acres.
- 7th. A road beginning in the East line of Block A, one (1) mile Northwest of the intersection of the Lagarto and Oakville Road with the George West, Lyne Ranch and Clegg Road; thence Southwest to the line between the West and Lyne Ranches in the line of the Jacob Cook Survey. This road is forty (40) feet wide, 6.2 miles, 30.01 acres.
- 8th. A road beginning at the intersection of the Lagarto and Oakville Road with the Southeast line of the West Ranch; thence along the Southeast side of the West Ranch to the most southern corner of Survey No. Two Hundred and Fifty-nine (259), B. S. & F. This road is thirty (30) feet wide, 10.5 miles, 38.21 acres.
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- 10th. A road beginning on the line of subdivision A in the Northeast line of Survey No. Eighteen (18); thence Southwest to intersect the public road on Survey No. One Hundred and Fifty-two (152). This road is thirty (30) feet wide, 1.60 miles, 5.90 acres.

The acreage included in the above roads, 37.62 miles, 184.34 acres, valued at Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per acre, equals \$ 3,686.80

The above roads were cleared by me, there being cleared out on each road a strip sixteen (16) feet wide, except said road numbered "8th" herein which road is cleared out thirty (30) feet wide; the cost of said clearing being Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per acre; there being 1.9 acres in each mile of said sixteen (16) foot strip, and 3.6 acres in each mile of said thirty (30) foot strip; cost \$ 1,346.00  
Total value of all donations \$134,742.80

11th. The roads marked thus "—" on the map attached have heretofore been donated or set aside by me, free of charge, for the public use but may not in all instances have been dedicated of record. Said roads are approximately 46.6 miles in length and contain 219.7 acres; are forty (40) feet in width except the Bartlett Ranch Road and the Busma Vista and George West Road which are thirty (30) feet wide; and are all fenced. Said roads where not already dedicated of record will be dedicated, together with the above described roads; it being expressly understood, however, that roads heretofore canceled and changed are not intended to be dedicated and especially the two roads which are indicated on said map thus: "This road abandoned," which roads have heretofore been canceled of record. In addition to these, the road shown on the blue print attached leading from the George West, Lyne Ranch and Clegg Road to the McDonald Ranch on Spring Creek is not included in this donation and is not a public road and is not included in the mileage of the roads. It is a private road for my own use for my ranch.

The above described improvements are all located in and near the town of George West and are such as will properly fit said town to be the county seat of Live Oak County. And I will convey said school house, bridges and roads by said warranty deeds on the day that said certificate of said architect is presented to me. However, this donation of Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars and school house lot, bridges and roads, is conditioned upon the election of said town of George West as the county seat of said county, and said court house and jail being fire-proof houses throughout, costing not less than Seventy-Five (\$75,000.00) Dollars; it being understood and agreed that this donation and the execution of said deeds and the payment of said Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars on the price of construction of said court house and jail, is conditioned on an election being held within said six (6) months after December 6, 1918, resulting in favor of the county seat of Live Oak County being located at said town, then this agreement shall be in full force and effect; but, if said election shall not be held, or if being held it shall result in the county's seat remaining at Oakville, or being removed to any other place in the County of Live Oak except to the town of George West, then I shall be discharged from this agreement and it shall be void. Witness my hand, this 26th day of April, A. D. 1917. GEO. W. WEST.

STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF BEXAR. }

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared George W. West, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 26th day of April, A. D. 1917.  
SETH S. SEARCY,  
Notary Public in and for Bexar County, Texas.

## SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF DONATIONS OF GEORGE W. WEST FOR THE PUBLIC WELFARE OF LIVE OAK COUNTY, TEXAS

MR. GEO. W. WEST'S DONATION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT for hard-surface road through his land for sixteen miles, and maybe more,—the strip of land donated by Mr. West is to be eighty (80) feet wide and to extend from the south end of the bridge on the Nueces River at Kittie, through the town of Kittie and on a route that has been accepted by the United States Government Engineers and the State of Texas Engineers, that will be sixteen miles, or more, through the Geo. W. West Ranch.

In addition to this Mr. West will donate to the United States Government Engineers and the State of Texas Engineers a sufficient amount of money to grub out the entire eighty foot strip of land through the Geo. W. West Ranch.

In addition to this Mr. West has agreed to donate for a Park beginning at the South end of the bridge on the Nueces River at Kittie, then along the meanders of the Nueces River on the North side of the Park, and along the public road from Kittie to Oakville far enough to make a right-angle turn with the dirt road, and including 250 acres of land.

In addition to this Mr. West will donate to the United States Government Highway Engineers and the State of Texas Highway Engineers, on Spring Creek, another Park to contain 300 acres of land, beginning about one hundred yards below the Artesian Well on the South bank of Spring Creek and about two hundred yards south from the south bank of the Spring Creek, then in a direction practically paralleling the creek bank to the lane fence on the public road that crosses on the bridge, then along the southwestern boundary line of the fence in a northern direction about one-half mile from Spring Creek, and then back to a point one-half mile from the point mentioned at the beginning of this document, which calls for about one hundred yards below the Artesian Well, this Park will include about 300 acres of land. Great care must be given to getting the lines on the best and smoothest ground to avoid any dry creeks that come into the main creek from the south side or the north side of Spring Creek. My intention is to take in as many of those beautiful live oak trees that are giants in size and beautiful to look at, as can be done without taking in too much land. There is not a more beautiful stream of pure, never falling, fresh water in Southern Texas, than will be included in this Park.

### BAPTIST CHURCH DONATION BY MR. GEO. W. WEST

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Lots one (1) and two (2) in Block Forty (40) in the town of George West as per plat of said town. In addition to this donation of two (2) lots in Block Forty (40) I paid to the Baptist Church TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) in cash as a donation when they built their church.

I offered to the BAPTIST CHURCH a donation that included \$1,500 cash and three corner lots in solid Block, valued at One Thousand Dollars, provided the Baptist Church would put up \$2,500.00 making \$5,000.00 total, but this donation was not accepted by the Baptist Church for various reasons.

### METHODIST CHURCH DONATION BY MR. GEO. W. WEST

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Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10) and Eleven (11) in Block Sixteen (16) in the town of George West.

Lot No. Twelve (12) in this Block Sixteen (16) did not belong to me. I signed the deed to the entire Block Sixteen (16) except Lot Number Twelve (12), that is one of the most valuable Blocks of land in the town of George West for any purpose.

In addition to this donation of Eleven (11) lots on Block Sixteen (16), I paid to the Catholic Church TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00) Dollars in cash as a donation when they built their splendid Catholic Church on Block Sixteen (16) when the town was started.

GEO. W. WEST.

### GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH DONATION BY MR. GEO. W. WEST

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Block Forty-six (46) in the Town of George West as per plat of said town.

### KITTIE TOWNSITE

There is at the Kittie Depot, a townsite of one hundred and forty (140) acres of land surveyed out into town lots, all corners are marked with cement posts, and 240 town lots are connected with the water and sewer systems, there is a Pumping Plant of fresh water, with a 30,000 gallon steel tank, and a well that has stood by actual measurement a pumping test of 20,000 gallons of water per hour without lowering the water in the well one inch, that stands within a few feet within the top of the well.

The sewer mains are connected with the Imhoff Disposal Tank, which is the best and most modern make of Disposal Tanks. There is no more beautiful location for a town between San Antonio and Corpus Christi for a city than there is at Kittie. This town will be opened up for settlement in the near future, and will be occupied by a large number of substantial people in a very short time after the sale of lots has been started.

STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF BEXAR. }

The undersigned, George W. West, hereby consents for the Government Cattle Inspectors engaged in Tick Eradication Work in Live Oak County, Texas, to use the Dipping Vat located on his property in the town of George West, for the purpose of dipping cattle until June 1st, 1924, the date of the expiration of the lease on said ranch to Messrs. Lowrance and Carson. This agreement being subject to said lessees approval.

This is with the distinct understanding that the privilege he is extending is free of charge on his part, and only for cattle to be shipped to market, and that no person or persons will in any way, in connection with the dipping at this vat, have a right to enter his premises, other than the little crowding pen at the entrance of the vat. This, however, does not apply to the cattle inspector whose duty it is to see that the vat is properly charged for dipping. He may enter the premises for the purpose of charging the vat, turning on the water, etc., provided that nothing in this agreement shall be construed as giving him access to the premises for any other purpose.

The cattle inspector must be acceptable to George W. West before he is put in charge of this cattle dipping business.

Either party to this contract reserves the right to cancel this contract immediately.

The U. S. Government cattle inspector stationed at George West, Texas, shall at all times keep the gates locked that lead from the Railroad Stock Pens into the crowding pen, and from the draining pen, when they are not actually in use.

The only place that cattle are permitted to enter the premises of George W. West under this agreement, is through the Railroad Pens into the crowding pen, through the vat and out through the draining pen back into the Railroad Stock Pens.

There being no water available, it is understood and agreed that water may be obtained from the pumping plant at the gin at actual cost of pumping, the water and any small necessary repairs.

It is distinctly understood that George W. West is not leasing this vat for profit, but is loaning it to the Tick Eradication Authorities for the accommodation of the cattle men of Live Oak County, and to further the interests of the general public.

The main object of this agreement is to accommodate the shippers of cattle who have to dip their cattle at the Railroad Shipping Pens in order to ship them out as Native cattle on a Federal Certificate, and is not to be used for dipping any stock except cattle for immediate shipment to market.

EXECUTED in duplicate this 7th day of May, 1924.  
GEO. W. WEST,  
JESSE ROBARDS,  
Veterinary Inspector,  
LOWRANCE & CARSON,  
By G. A. LOWRANCE.

Be it remembered that on this the 14th day of September, A. D. 1914, the same being the second Monday in September, 1914, there was begun and holden a regular term of the Honorable Commissioners' Court in and for Live Oak County, Texas, at the court house, in the town of Oakville, in Commissioners' Precinct No. 1, there being present and acting Honorable F. H. Church, County Judge, presiding, J. L. Wilborn, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, J. L. Snor, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, H. T. Staples, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, C. L. Tullis, Sheriff, and E. L. Riser, Clerk of said Court, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

(On this the 14th day of September, 1914, came John Casey, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, in the afternoon, at about 3 o'clock P. M.)  
Thursday, September 17th, 1914.

In the Commissioners' Court of Live Oak County, Texas, Regular September term, 1914.

On this the 17th day of September, A. D. 1914, all the members of the court being present, came on to be heard the matter of the creation of Common School District, covering and being wholly within the territory now known as the "George West Ranch," and the matter having been fully considered, and it appearing to the court that the said Ranch is now being opened for colonization and settlement and that there is a need for School Districts in order to meet the necessity for Schools of said territory, and it further appearing that the division into Districts, as hereinafter ordered, is the most convenient division, it is therefore ordered that the following Common School District be and they are hereby created with boundaries and areas respectively, as per field notes and maps attached:

Said District lying wholly within George West's ranch and on the South side thereof.  
All of the above described six common school districts are created for the purpose of facilitating the building and maintenance of schools in said districts for the education of whatever children may now or hereafter live in said districts.

Each of said Six Districts is over nine square miles in area and less than twenty-five square miles in area, and the geographical center of each of said Districts is less than four miles from the furthest line thereof.

And it is hereby ordered that a copy of this order and a copy of the maps describing said Districts and attached hereto be recorded in the Records for Deeds of Live Oak County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF LIVE OAK. }

I, E. L. Riser, Clerk County Court, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Live Oak County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing fifteen pages is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Court, establishing and creating Six Common School Districts, Numbering 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, as the same appears of record in Volume No. 5, on pages 50 to 57 inclusive, of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Live Oak County, Texas.

To certify which, Witness my hand and seal of the Commissioners' Court, at office, in the town of Oakville, Texas, on this the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1914.  
(SEAL) E. L. RISER,  
Clerk County Court, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Live Oak County, Texas.



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## WILL THEY DO IT?

Recently the news dispatches carried a report of the governor's favorable action upon a plea from Texas congressmen asking for a pardon for a man convicted and sent to prison from Wichita county charged with killing another man. It is to be noted that the howling Butte papers gave little notice to this case, which is characteristic of klanishness. Under the caption "Where Pardon Was Proper," the Houston Chronicle editorially discussed this appeal of Texas congressmen and the governor's favorable action, in these words:

"It is to be hoped that all those who have so freely, and in many instances harshly, criticized the governor of Texas for issuing so large a number of pardons, will be fair enough to read the report of the case in which a man convicted in Wichita county was recently pardoned.

"The convicted man was in every way an honorable, peaceable, worthy, respected citizen. In the course of a difficulty which arose suddenly between him and his partner and friend, he struck a blow with a knife with no thought of taking life, but unfortunately a vital spot was struck and death ensued.

"There had been no previous differences or enmity. There was no premeditation. There were none of the elements which are necessary to constitute murder, and the act was manslaughter and a felony only because the arbitrary definition made it so.

"The defendant was in no moral sense a felon or a criminal. He, under the stress of strong provocation, allowed his temper to get beyond his control and in a moment of sudden anger struck a blow which unexpectedly proved fatal.

"Nine men out of ten might have done just what he did, and the petitioners for his pardon, including a number of Texas congressmen, aptly phrased the situation when they said: 'The penitentiary was never built for such a man.'

"In every such case the governor ought to exercise the high prerogative of pardon. To have refused to save this honorable man, who had the respect of his fellow men and who had always been a peaceable, law abiding citizen, from the humiliation and degradation of a felon's garb and cell, when his offense was committed in a moment of passion, would have been an action calculated to shock the sense of justice of the public, and have operated harmfully, rather than helpfully, as regards the enforcement of the law."

## A PLATFORM THAT IS APPROVED

The platform announced by Lee P. Pierson, candidate for justice of the court of criminal appeals, and published in the Forum of last week, is attracting state-wide attention and comments are favorable upon his attitude with reference to "swifter justice and fewer technicalities." One of the comments which has come to the attention of the Forum is that made by W. H. Kittrell Jr., of Dallas, in a communication to "Mefo" of the Houston Chronicle, which is quoted here with Mefo's comment thereon:

"Dear Mefo: Monday's Chronicle carried the announcement of Hon. Lee P. Pierson for judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Mr. Pierson's platform is 'swifter justice and fewer technicalities.' Laconic, but I've read whole books that said less. Put into effect, wouldn't it go a long way toward restoring respect for law? Your commendation is due. I hope you will take up this topic in your column."

"We are not at this time endorsing any candidates for office," is Mefo's reply, "but we do heartily endorse the platform given above. The technicalities of law have been used too freely in the past to defeat justice. They sometimes make a mockery of all law. Who was it said: 'The glorious uncertainty of law is of more use to the profession than the justice of it.'"

"It was William Shenstone who said: 'Laws are generally found to be nets of such a texture, as the little creep through, the great break through and the middle-size are alone entangled in.' When technicalities are used by shrewd lawyers, and confirmed by higher courts, to free criminals, all equity is shocked and justice is dethroned."

Read the Forum for the truth.

### POLL TAXES MUST BE PAID BEFORE JAN. 31.

Subscribe to the Forum and get the truth about politics and politicians.

Pay your poll tax and you will feel better next July when primary day arrives.

It must have taken a huge amount of whitewash to polish off that aluminum trust.

It is said McAdoo smiled broadly when he read the announcement that Al Smith will retire from political life and settle down to business.

The crop of political liars in Texas thrives and multiplies equally as well in drouth as in a wet season. Much of the crop is inclined to interior moisture anyway.

Al Smith says he will retire from politics with the expiration of his present term as governor of New York. If he does the kluxers will have to fix upon some other man as the pope's agent for taking charge of the United States government.

"Of course the fact that Texas has a lady governor may not have had anything to do with it," says the Shreveport Journal, "but the fact remains that during 'Ma's' first year as chief executive there wasn't a lynching in the Lone Star State."

The Texas prison system has paid all indebtedness against it and has a cash balance. The system raised and sold some 11,000 bales of cotton but didn't get 30 to 40 cents for it as a preceding administration did. But the debts were all paid this year. Let the Butteites laugh that off.

Commenting upon the statement of the Austin Statesman political prognosticator that James E. Ferguson would be a candidate for governor this year, the Lockhart Post Register says: "If Jim wants to be governor of Texas, we hope he will succeed in having his name printed on the ballot. Let the voters of Texas decide the issue."

The administration of Texas' first woman governor has entered its second year and the state is paying its vouchers in cash and the prison debts inherited from predecessors all have been paid and there is money in the prison board's treasury. That is something for one year. The Klan has been unmasked and its methods exposed. That's something else, again.

Making three bales of cotton on an acre of Texas land is an achievement that shows the tremendous possibilities of reducing acreage and increasing the yield. If Mont Adams can raise sixteen bales of high grade cotton on five acres of land in Smith county, and a negro farmer in the same county can raise almost as much, then any industrious farmer can do as well on any land in the state. Mont Adams raised his cotton on a farm that had been branded as "worn-out" years ago. Certainly there is some come-back in Smith county land if a worn out farm can be made to produce three bales an acre.

## NINE DAYS LEFT IN WHICH TO PAY POLL TAXES

Unless tax collectors keep open their offices Sunday, Jan. 31, in order to permit tardy citizens to pay their poll taxes, Saturday midnight, Jan. 30, will mark the close of the period for qualifying as voters for the 1926 elections. This leaves but nine days from this date in which these taxes can be paid and it is hoped that every citizen, otherwise qualified as a voter, will not fail to procure a poll tax receipt or exemption certificate that will enable him to participate in the primaries of next summer.

Payments of poll taxes in the larger cities are largely in excess of those a year ago but in the counties in which there are no big cities payments are lagging and this is especially true of the drouth stricken districts in which the farmers made little on their farms and have small means with which to pay their poll taxes.

Every citizen should procure a poll tax receipt, even though he has to make some sacrifice to equip himself as a voter. The coming campaign will be interesting and those who fail to prepare themselves for voting will regret their situation.

In the next nine days there will be a rush or the tax collectors' offices by those who have waited until the last days for paying and some collectors already are keeping their offices open in the evenings for the accommodation of tardy citizens. Let no man or woman who has the true interest of the state at heart fail to pay the poll tax.

Don't delay; pay now and be assured of your qualification to have a part in the selection of nominees in the summer primaries.

## SUL ROSS' DAUGHTER MAKES APPEAL

The Forum has received an appeal to the people of Texas from Mrs. Florine Ross Harrington, daughter of Sul Ross, one of the gallant Confederate commanders whose deeds and daring brought glory to the Southern cause, urging the purchase of Confederate memorial coins for the benefit of the fund for completing the Stone Mountain Memorial. Mrs. Harrington directs her appeal especially to the people in the ordinary walks of life urging them to buy at least one coin and so help in the completion of this enduring memorial to the heroes of the south.

Following is the text of Mrs. Harrington's appeal: "TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS:

"I hope it will not seem presumptions in me, a daughter of General Sul Ross, to make an appeal in behalf of the Harvest Campaign, Hon. Lon A. Smith, chairman, for your support of the Confederate Memorial Coinage.

"It has long been the custom of the people of every civilized nation to perpetuate in stone, bronze, or marble, the life service and heroic deeds of their great men, but so far as I know, the proposed monument of Stone Mountain, commemorating the deeds of gallant Confederate leaders, is without a parallel in its conception of grandeur and stability. Surely anyone of the men, whether Ross, Reagan, Green, Hood, or Johnston, selected to represent Texas, is worthy of our patriotic effort to commemorate in granite their eternal fame. Grouped together, they will reflect, from the face of Stone Mountain, the common glory of the people of our great Commonwealth. In honoring them, we are but honoring ourselves, by transmitting to posterity a heritage that will serve as an inspiration to the youth of our country as long as nobleness of character, daring deeds, and love of State shall live in the hearts of a people.

"I am especially pleading with the people in the ordinary walks of life to purchase at least one coin. Let us make this a State affair, with everyone represented. There are over a million voters in Texas; if each household will buy one coin, Texas will go over the top with her quota. The survivors of that great Confederate army which, on every field of carnage, challenged danger and defied death, will soon join their comrades that have crossed over the River. Let us treasure the cause for which they fought, and the principle for which they offered their lives.

"In gratitude,  
"FLORINE ROSS HARRINGTON  
"Austin, Texas."

## GRAPE CULTURE IS INCREASING

One of the oddities of the situation in the United States is the remarkable increase in grape culture despite the Volstead act which forbids the use of grapes for making wine. When the nation wide prohibition wave began to roll westward toward the Pacific coast the wine growers of California made a mighty fight to hurl it back and they prophesied that ruin would be their portion should the dry amendment to the federal constitution be adopted. When it was adopted some of the vineyard owners permitted their vineyards to run down and made no effort to cultivate and continue production of grapes.

According to a statement given out by President Scott of the Southern Pacific lines, California alone, in the last year, shipped out 71,000 cars of grapes, which is three times the best record of shipments made before the Volstead act became effective. Before the advent of nation wide prohibition grapes brought \$16.00 to \$18.00 per ton. Now they sell readily at \$65.00 and \$75.00 per ton.

What is the answer? Commenting upon the marvelous "come-back" of the grape industry in spite of prohibition Mefo, in the Houston Chronicle, has this to say, which is pertinent to this discussion:

"The funny part of it is that when the Volstead inhibition was announced, many vineyard owners abandoned their fields, thinking California's grape culture was practically ended. Very soon the demand for the fruit of the vine became so great that they returned to their forsaken fields, started all over again, and many of them have amassed fortunes. There are more acres now devoted to grape culture than ever before in the history of that country of fine fruits. Has the lack of hard liquor turned the people to the late W. J. Bryan's non-intoxicating cocktail, or do you suppose the people are actually letting the grapejuices slowly turn to wine?"

"It may be that our southwest Texas orchardists are paying too much attention to deciduous fruits, and have neglected the purple grape whose praises were once soothingly sung by Omar Khayam."

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"Take the air" may be construed by political candidates in these radio days as an invitation to broadcast their speeches.

Pay your poll tax. There are but a few days left in which to qualify for voting in the 1926 elections. Don't fail to pay your poll tax.

State makers of both democratic and republican parties are busy at Washington framing slates of possible nominees for the national conventions of 1928.

Glorious rains have soaked all Texas and the outlook for the new crop season is most promising and brings joy after last year's devastating drouth in much of the state.

The imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan was at Houston hotel last Monday. A newspaper reporter phoned the wizard's room and was told his imperial majesty was "not in." The reporter went to the room and found the wizard "in." This is cited just to show that his highness practices what the klan teaches its dupes.

The Coleman Democrat-Voice is not greatly enthused by the announcement in a glaring headline: "Jardine will talk to Texas Cattlemen at Meeting in Fort Worth." The Democrat-Voice says the newspapers would create more interest by assuring "the boys there will be plenty of sardines and walking sanes." Now, we wonder just what the Coleman editor is driving at.

## Governor in Proclamation Urges Texans to Honor Heroes and Buy Stone Mountain Memorial Coins

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—Declaring her devotion to the campaign in behalf of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial coin sales in Texas and calling on the people of the state of fittingly observe the period between January 17, and 23, as a special Memorial Week, Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson has given active aid to the cause led in this state by Railroad Commissioner Lon A. Smith as chairman. The proclamation of the governor is in line with that of the chief executives of all the states of the South and of several states which did not make up parts of the Southern Confederacy.

The proclamation follows: Whereas, a Congress of the United States controlled by a political party opposite that to which most Southern people belong, and a president elected by the same political organization, graciously authorized the mintage of five million half dollars as a memorial to "the valor of the Soldier of the South," and

Whereas, the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association is distributing these coins at \$1 each, using the premium of fifty cents with which to defray the expenses of carving on the great granite cliff near Atlanta the greatest and most nearly imperishable monument of all time to the soldiers of the South; and

Whereas, the Governors of the Southern States have each accepted for their respective states quotas of these coins calculated on the basis of the white population and bank deposits, and have jointly addressed an appeal to the Southern People declaring it to be their sacred duty to purchase these half dollars as evidence of their appreciation of the act of Congress under which they were minted; and

Whereas, the Stone Mountain Monumental Association has requested the several governors to note the fact that the Harvest Campaign for the distribution of these coins must close January 23; therefore,

I, Miriam A. Ferguson, Governor of Texas, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, to the people of this State, calling upon them to take notice of the Act of Congress and to show their appreciation of the same:

First, by observing the period of January 17th to January 23rd, as Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Week.

Second, I call attention to the birthday anniversaries of Gen. Robert E. Lee, January 19, and of Gen. Stonewall Jackson, January 21, both of whose images appear on these coins, and to the further fact that the first coin of the Memorial series was minted one year ago on the birthday of General Jackson.

Third, I appeal to the churches, schools, civic clubs, patriotic organizations and other bodies, to arrange special programs in honor of the occasion.

Fourth, the people of Texas should not forget that faces and figures of five sons of this Commonwealth whom they have delighted to honor and whose memories they revere will be engraven in the mighty panorama of the Confederate dead unrolled from Stone Mountain's scroll for the edification and the satisfaction of all Americans who are to glean from history's page the truth of the tremendous world-drama in which Reagan, Hood, Johnston, Tom Green and Sul Ross had such conspicuous parts.

Given under my hand and Executive seal at the Capitol, in the City of Austin, Texas, this 14th day of Jan., 1926.  
MIRIAM A. FERGUSON,  
Governor.

Attest—Emma G. Meharg,  
Secretary of State.

Governor Ferguson has aided further in promoting the sale of Memorial coins in Texas and to Texans who are beyond the borders of their state. The Texas Society in Washington, whose membership includes Texas senators and congressmen and hundreds of men and women who have moved from Texas either temporarily or permanently will hold an auction of a serially numbered Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial half dollar sent from Austin for that specific purpose by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. Replying to a request that such a coin be sent, Mrs. Ferguson has written Mrs. Harry C. Coleman one of the leaders in the movement at Washington, a letter which is praised by both Austin and Atlanta headquarters as telling specifically the reasons why Texas' quota should be oversubscribed.

Governor Ferguson's communication follows: "Information that you wish a serially numbered half dollar of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial coinage sent from the Texas series for auctioning at a meeting of the Texas Society of Washington conveys a desire which I hasten to have gratified. I am told by Mr. E. C. McCarty, executive secretary of the Texas campaign, that coin No. 200 is being forwarded from the supply at Austin headquarters. This letter is sent to carry to our fellow Texans of the national capital, through you, hope that the coming meeting of their society may be the means of expediting the arrival of the hour when the last dollar required for the perpetuation of the Nation's memory of the valor and faith of those who made up the armies of Lee and Jackson and Johnston shall have been raised, to the end the sculptor may be permitted to chisel into the bosom of the great rock rising near Atlanta the faces and the figures of many of those whom all the Southland held dear and whom all the world respects.

Though the duties of the Governor's office have not permitted me to devote as much time to the campaign for the selling the State's quota of coins as I should have liked, it has been a real pleasure to do what I could to forward the movement. Five sons of this proud commonwealth will form part of Mr. Lukeman's splendid panorama and on none of them will sunshine or starlight kindle more tenderly than in the granite countenances of Reagan, Ross, Hood, Johnston and Tom Green.

"Just as Texans had large share in the glories of the cause which made, and makes, the Stone Mountain Memorial something with which to fascinate the fancies of every people of the earth, so does the State inherit by ties of blood and sentiment the right to go a major part in the preservation of those glories in enduring stone. 'Solid as Gibraltar' gives way to 'Solid as Stone Mountain' and Imperial Texas declines to accept other than first place in the building of the monument which is designed to testify to those of the ages yet to come the story of the devotion of Lee, the courage of Jackson and the faith of Davis.

"Please extend greetings from the State they love to all Texans with whom you may come into contact. I know they will do their duty by this splendid movement which honors their sires, just as those of us back home are trying to do it."

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## A BOOST FOR THE FORUM

Some Texas newspapers have had a lot to say about the Forum's circulation campaign, but it is easy to understand that their howls are caused by the fact that Forum readers are multiplying at a rapid rate while their puny journals continue to flounder along with scant patronage.

But all the comments upon the Forum's effort to bring the truth to all the people of the state are not unfriendly and it is pleasing here to quote the advice given by the Lockhart Post Register in connection with the circulation campaign of the Forum. The Post Register says:

"We hope the faculty of Texas University will be a hundred per cent in their subscriptions to the Ferguson Forum. There is much in its columns that instructors may read with profit. The same applies with equal force to the faculty of other state institutions even the Technological Institute."

Now laugh that off ye Butteites and kluxers!

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## West Texas "Riled" by Novel "The Wind" Hears From Author

Stamford, Texas, Jan. 20.—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, whose general offices are located here, through its manager, Porter A. Whaley, formally repudiates the anonymous novel "The Wind," recently published by Harpers, and denies that it properly describes that action. In a letter to the publishers, Mr. Whaley said: "We have just read your book 'The Wind' on West Texas. This book thoroughly illustrates just one thing, and that is how ignorant the East is of the West. It totally misrepresents the actual facts in West Texas. In place of the desolate sand flats you describe as being around Sweetwater, there is, as a matter of fact, a very productive farming country, and is one that is growing from year to year. In place of the miserable one-room shanties described by you, there are, instead, excellent homes, perhaps much above the average for the United States as a whole.

"Sweetwater is a growing city of 7,000 or 8,000 people, and the principal railroad center of West Texas. Your book was sent to us for review. We are sorry we can not say anything good for it."

"Anonymous" answers:

Miss Dorothy Scarborough, formerly of Texas, now of New York, has been mentioned as the author of "The Wind," and, while she has not admitted it, neither has she denied it. Mr. Whaley received the following answer to his letter, signed "Anonymous":

"I am afraid the West Texas Chamber of Commerce skipped the preface to 'The Wind.' For that states plainly that the story was laid in the past, years and years ago, before the ranches had been cut up into farms, before cotton had crowded out the longhorns. Sweetwater has not always been a city of 7,000 or 8,000 people, and the railroad center of West Texas. However much of a paradise and a metropolis it may be now, it was something different in the late '80's, the time of this story.

"The youthful boosters of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, perhaps more eager to encourage immigration than to admit unflattering realism, should not confuse the present with the past. In some Texas towns tall buildings now stand where once were buffalo wallows, but an author who wrote of the early days and put skyscrapers in would be mixing his facts.

"The Wind" did not blow out of the East, nor was it written by one ignorant of the West. I was born and brought up in Texas, and West Texas is no strange land to me. My family name is well known in that section, for men and women of that name helped to make pioneer history in the region around Sweetwater. I have often wanted to visit the scenes where my father and mother went through stirring experiences, but now I'll never dare to. I'm a coward, not like my fighting ancestors, and I'd be scared of what the Chamber of Commerce would do to me. But, cross my heart, I didn't mean to bear false witness against West Texas!"

## Radio Pays Its Way In Southwest Farm Area Survey Shows

Radio is paying its way on farms of the southwest. In a radio survey just completed by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation, Dallas, among farm radio listeners of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, 133 of the 500 making reply stated that their radio saved them money each year, the average sum saved being estimated at \$148.64 per family. Keeping in touch with the markets through radio reports was named by farmers as the greatest advantage of radio in a financial way.

"Intangible benefits which cannot be measured in dollars and cents such as home entertainment, farm and home information, and weather reports were the other main methods mentioned by which radio is proving profitable in farm homes. "It saves us at least \$50 per year in picture show tickets alone," wrote one farmer. "Our radio keeps the kids at home," said another, while several reported, "It saves gasoline." A few stated that the purchase of fewer magazines since their radio was installed.

"Farmers are using the more powerful receiving sets," states George C. Biggar, director of foundation programs at Dallas, "seventy per cent of those reporting have loud speakers. Three and five-tube sets predominate 24 per cent having 3-tube receivers and 21 per cent 5-tube outfits. Receiving sets varying in power from crystals to 9-tube machines were mentioned. "Sixty per cent of farmers in the southwest are not only listening to local programs but are being entertained by stations all over the continent."

Asked as to the type of music preferred on radio programs, the farm listeners showed a slight preference for old-time music over popular, which was given second choice. Sacred music was a close third while classical selections ranked exceedingly low. The survey showed that Hawaiian guitar combinations ranked first in popularity with mandolins, string orchestras, old time fiddlers, bands, male duets and jazz orchestras ranking in order as next in preference. Vocal solos, especially "high-pitched sopranos" whose words cannot be understood, were most unpopular among farm people.

Farmers are listening to farm information on radio, judging by replies to the foundation questionnaires, which showed that 72 per cent listen regularly to talks on different agricultural subjects. The largest number of listeners expressed a preference for poultry talks. Farm questions and answers, cotton production talks, market news, homemakers information and suggestions for beautifying the farmstead ranked in popularity in the order named. Much interest was also evinced in corn growing, fruit raising, hog production, truck crops and co-operative marketing.



# Ferguson Forum Good Roads Campaign

## Impressive Scenic Highway Along Texas Coast Is Outlined

There is within the state of Texas one of the most impressive scenic highway possibilities in the entire United States.

Its building would be a thing of such moment in the state, as well as in the entire south and southwest, that the whole nation would applaud it.

This highway would stretch from the Louisiana border to the Mexican border. It would start at Sabine, it would end at Brownsville. Its hundreds of miles would follow the course of the beautiful Gulf of Mexico coastline across the lower part of the state.

Think what the educational value of the highway would be! Think what a pleasure ground it could become for all Texans, for all the citizens of this country.

It would be a drive of year-round summer weather. Only in the winter months would it not be possible to camp out along its hundreds of miles night after night—and even in December and January that would not be impossible.

Such a highway would take the motorist from the piney woods about Sabine through the oil fields to the west. From the

lumber mills to the oil fields—two of Texas' greatest sources of wealth.

Then on to the beautiful Galveston Bay, across the impressive Houston Ship Channel, where steamers from all ports of the world come to load cotton, to unload the treasures of other lands. Through the great strawberry fields there in the spring, the great fig orchards in the summer.

Then on to the sulphur mines about Freeport, where another sort of yellow gold is dug from Mother Earth.

On to the desert lands, the great cattle ranches, the beauties of Matagorda and Corpus Christi Bays. Past the back door of the vast King ranch, and dip down to the winter playground of Texas, the wonder land of Texas; the Rio Grande Valley.

There the citrus lands show another sort of yellow gold for Texans, the great truck farms answer the north's call for green foods throughout the year.

The charms of old Brownsville would entrance the most hardened sightseer. The historic beauties of that old town, so closely wrapped as it is in both Texas and United States history, have charms all their own.

It sounds like a pipe dream—to plan and

think of such a scenic highway along the coast. But most of the great achievements of this world have been pipe dreams at some time or another—and this is not only probable but entirely possible.

Such a highway could have detours from it to many points of interest within a hundred miles of the coast. San Antonio, for instance, is little more than that. Most of these detours are already fine highways, for the people who live close to the Gulf have seen to it that access to the water is easy.

But the idea of that fine sweep of road along the entire coastal line is a new one. It gives one a thrill to think of the great beauty and the great industrial value of such a road.

Texas is rapidly getting out of the class of pioneer states. There is so much money, so much pent up energy in this vast state that it must soon take on the valuations of states like California and Oregon and Washington; Florida and the Carolinas. Those states have made of their coastal regions great claims to beauty and prosperity. Texas must take her place among them. She has the resources. She has only to do a little work, do a little forward thinking, spend wisely of her vast wealth—and she will be repaid as other coastal states have been.

## Highways Promote Travel and Invite Settlers To Texas

A Californian has written recently to State Highway Department, Austin, that he wishes to make a record motor trip through Texas. In other words, this motorist, according to his expressed wishes, is to make a Paul Revere run through the state, and asked for routings and the speed limit.

Thirty-five miles per hour is the pace that Texas has set, and the "speed cop" will catch you if you don't watch out, when you step on the gas on Texas highways, is the answer on this point.

Motor travel at the present, into and through the state is heavy. There are many visitors coming from the north and east to the Rio Grande Valley section of Texas. These visitors arrive daily at Austin enroute and stop over for sight seeing, and to call on the woman governor of Texas.

Fort Worth and Dallas entertain these out of state visitors, too, and then San Antonio and Houston also have the opportunity for acting as hosts, and meanwhile the word goes forth that Texas is a grand and wonderful state where flowers and citrus

fruit grow, and where rich, undeveloped resources await but the turn of the wheel to give wealth.

Highway development is likened unto a cog in the great wheel, a key to the whole situation, a link that connects Texas with the Universe, and so it is that Texas highways are bringing the seekers after that which holds peace, happiness and contentment. Through Texas on a connected system of modern highways, is not only a part of the itineracy of the Californian, but the big colonization projects and gigantic irrigation moves on, will attract the interest and bring to Texas, people from all the states in the Union.

To the Californian, Texas offers choice of several routes through Texas, State Highway No. 1 from El Paso on through the state to the Arkansas border. From El Paso over Highway No. 3 to the Louisiana border, or by way of Amarillo and through the northern portion of the state to the Arkansas border, over State Highway No. 5, or leaving Dallas over State Highway No. 15, the route may be out of state, by way of Shreveport,

passing through Terrell, Wills Point, Glade-water, Longview, Marshall, thence to Shreveport, the road being with the exception of a few short stretches, hard surfaced or graveled.

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Potash Deposits Mean Tremendous Wealth Says Geologist Who Sees Unrivalled Field For Study Here

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—As a field for geological study and training Texas offers an unrivalled opportunity for the student of the earth's geological formations, according to Dr. Charles Schuchert, professor emeritus of paleontology at Yale University who has arrived in Austin to give during the winter term a course in stratigraphic geology at the University of Texas.

"In this state there is present a tremendously long geological sequence from the oldest to the youngest formations and from the undeformed horizontal strata to the intricately folded and faulted ones," he said. "They extend from the coastal formations in horizontal strata to the folded and faulted ones in the Delaware and Guadalupe mountains. Furthermore, many of these have great supplies of petroleum, ranging from the younger to the ancient ones of the Paleozoic era. At present, and for some time to come, the greatest supplies will come from the salt domes of the coastal plain and from central and west Texas and hence north into Oklahoma and Kansas."

Doctor Schuchert said that a few years ago it was widely believed that oil production would play out, or at least be vastly reduced, during the next 25 years, but now many excellent geologists see no fear of an immediate exhaustion of this natural wealth. "A few years ago predictions were made by the best geologists that the peak of production had been reached," he continued. "As yet, however, no decline has set in, but of course sooner or later the supply of petroleum will be exhausted. Even so, there are vast amounts of shales holding oils that can be extracted through distillation.

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More than 16 Bales Raised on 5 Acres Takes First Place

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five-acre yields in each instance were originally measured by a local cotton contest committee for each county, consisting of two farmers and a merchant or business man residing in the farmer's locality. Technical proficiency can not be expected from such a committee and it is but natural that mistakes were made in the measurement of the land, which later, when the contest became keen, were discovered when county surveyors were hired to measure the five acres. Also, to have asked each contestant to engage the services of a surveyor would have proved a financial burden in many instances.

To avoid such a situation during the coming season a rule has been established which empowers the contestant for a prize to have his land measured by a surveyor at the instance of the state cotton contest committee and establish its area accurately before cotton picking begins.

No fewer than 37 farmers beat or equaled the high record of more than two bales an acre established by John W. McFarlane, cotton king of the 1924 More-Cotton-on-Fewer-Acres contest, when he produced 5,081 pounds of lint on five acres of unirrigated land in Anderson county. This, perhaps is the most gratifying feature of the 1925 cotton contest, because it shows what one man did a year ago now is easily within the possibilities of many farmers. This is a remarkable achievement when compared with the ten-year average of Texas cotton production, which averages around one-fourth of a bale an acre and this year is pretty close to one-fifth of a bale.

The crop records received show that 167 farmers averaged one bale or above an acre in the 1925 cotton contest. When the vast extent of Texas is taken into consideration and the large area which was struck by a severe drought, this showing is almost equally remarkable. Intensive farming beyond doubt is to become an established factor in Texas agriculture and the high yields and the methods by which they were made point the way out of a dilemma which seriously has disturbed landlords, tenant farmers, bankers and business men.

Smith County Leads In Number of High Yields in Contest

Smith county has distinguished herself in the 1925 "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest above other counties in Texas, not only by having the winner of the News' \$1,000 grand prize and of the East Texas staple cotton prize offered by the Dallas Cotton Exchange and the Texas Cotton Association, but in having another Smith county farmer win the second staple contest prize.

But the most significant thing Smith county has done consists of the large number of farmers entered in The News and Smith county cotton contests who have made high averages of lint production on five acres of unirrigated land. In this field Smith county stands almost alone. A total of 163 farmers entered the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest in the spring of 1925 and fifty-nine completed their crop records to the extent of at least turning in the total pounds of seed cotton and lint from their five acres. While it would have been better for them to complete their cotton records for the information which they would have contained, the showing made is very creditable.

Through the efforts of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce and its agricultural committee, headed by Andrew J. W. Fitzgerald, and the activities of County Agent Elbert Gentry and the massed energy of the business men of Tyler and Smith county the ten-year program of agricultural development has already borne fruit. The foundations have been laid for consistent progress. Worn-out farms are being rebuilt, lands have been terraced, cover crops and rotation of crops are in practice and in other ways Smith county presents a shining example of collective effort for the common good.

Bowie county, through the direct efforts of W. N. Harkness, manager of the Whaley plantation at Hooks, comes second with forty-two out of a total of seventy-six entrants. These forty-two, who finished their crop records, are all on the Whaley plantation. In a forthcoming issue of The News the full story of what these "forty-two fighting farmers" of Bowie county did will be told in detail as to yields and how much more cotton was raised through intensive farming than ever before.

Rusk county is third in the list with completed records of twenty farmers out of a total of 201 entered in the contest. These records were assembled by County Agent B. B. Martin and the chairman of the agricultural committee, John R. Alford. Among Rusk county's entrants are some of the highest producers of lint in the state, including Claude Nash, who is among the three-bales-an-acre men, and Newton Orr of Mount Enterprise, who is not far behind with staple cotton and who won third place in the East Texas staple cotton contest. Also, Dr. Griff Ross of Mount Enterprise made a high yield and won third place in the state crop record prize contest.

Gregg county turned in sixteen complete records through the activities of County Agent G. E. Adams of Longview and his active county agricultural committee and the assistance of William J. Tucker, editor of the Longview Daily News and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce agricultural committee. J. C. McCormick, as chairman of the county agricultural board, also did much to encourage better farming. Gregg county has the most entrants in the "More-Cotton-on-Fewer-Acres" contest, a total of 240 farmers.

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Texas Safe Farming Association Wins Approval of Prominent Men Who Accept Places On Its Board

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 20.—"We are assured of a fine body of men to serve as the executive directors, or board of governors, for the Texas Safe Farming Association," Ed Woodruff, a member of the executive committee, says in a statement to the press. "We have acceptances from an overwhelming majority of men whom we asked to serve and we expect to have had from business men, and the earnest promise of co-operation in both labor and funds, encourage me in the confident belief that the Texas Safe Farming Association will go down in history as the most timely and most useful organization ever set up."

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"R. V. Colvert, Stamford: 'I will be glad to co-operate with you in every possible way in connection with the program for better farming methods, particularly cotton reduction and increased feed acreage.' " "J. C. Bryant, Stamford: 'I will do everything I can to assist you in the good work.' " "A. F. Sledge, Tyler: 'This is one of the most important and far-reaching programs ever launched.' " "J. C. Bryant, Stamford: 'This movement will be felt keenly throughout the state.' " "Edmond Raphael, Ennis: 'I appreciate the opportunity to work under such good counsel and in such eminent company.' " "W. M. McGregor, Wichita Falls: 'I am heartily in favor of the program.' " "J. T. Scott, Houston: 'I am in harmony with the program.' " "Several of the men promised to meet with the executive committee at the Adolphus Hotel next Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, when we

hope to complete the organization and start work." Mr. Woodruff further said: "I have been interested at various times with many movements in general welfare, but I have never had contact with one that meant more to the general welfare than this."

Bodies of 45 Miners Killed in Shaft Are Buried in Wilburton

Wilburton, Okla., Jan. 16.—Beneath leaden skies that threatened rain the bodies of more than 45 of the more than 90 miners who lost their lives in an explosion at the Degnan-McConnell mine No. 21, Wednesday, were laid to rest today in a simple country cemetery a short distance from the scenes of their labors. Fearful and in most cases destitute families followed the bodies to grave yards. They were the last of the victims to be buried here and as they were lowered into the grave another chapter of mine disaster history was closed.

At 10:30 o'clock this morning funeral services for eight of the negro victims were conducted by the Assemblies of God church and they were buried in the city cemetery. Throughout the city scattered services were being held in humble homes and every church was the scene of others. Ministers from towns nearby were here adding to the funeral services. The bodies of the victims were buried in the city cemetery. Through-out the city scattered services were being held in humble homes and every church was the scene of others.

With the exception of the hotel and restaurants, all Wilburton was closed today for the burial. Any difficulties that might have existed between union and non-union men vanished for the moment as they attended the services or watched the processions file down toward the cemeteries. Most of the dead men were former union miners who had left the union to go to work after a long illness.

More than twenty bodies were sent out of town for burial. Henry Phillips, an old negro who was one of the "air shaft" shortly after the blast, followed to their graves the bodies of four of his sons. His wrinkled face pictured the stoical calm with which most of the men in the town have accepted the disaster.

With ninety one bodies recovered, rescue parties continued all last night and this morning the work of clearing up the debris in an effort to locate the bodies of from three to five men yet believed to be in the workings. One body was located last night at the foot of the shaft, but was not brought to the surface because of its condition. It was to be embalmed today where it lay and taken directly to the cemetery from the mine.

Jim McConnell, owner of the mine, said he may re-open it. He will determine this after he sees the exact condition of the passage ways. The mine has been operated for more than 25 years.

The appeal for aid made by the Lions club, the only civic organization at Wilburton, has brought but little money thus far. The club asked for \$100,000 to care for the more than 265 women and children, left destitute. The Red Cross yesterday joined hands with the Lions club and will take care of emergency needs and the Salvation Army offered its services in any way.

The names of the dead miners will receive no compensation from the state as the workmen's compensation law provides compensation only in cases of injury. McConnell said that the mine company carried its own insurance on the men, but that there was no set amount.

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Irving Berlin Sings in London to Please Vaudeville Friend

London, Jan. 18.—Sophie Tucker, American vaudeville singer, has been able to bring Mr. and Mrs. Irving Berlin out of the seclusion of their hotel room where "natural shyness" had kept them since they came across the seas on their honeymoon.

In the Kit Cat Club, one of London's famous private dance institutions, she made Irving sing one of his songs before actors and society personages in the wee small hours of Sunday morning. And the song was one he wrote when he is said to have been fearful of losing Elin Mackay—"Remember."

As Berlin sang all eyes were focused upon him and his bride, who stood on a table nearby and listened as intently as her husband's other auditors. The bride was radiant in a pink evening gown.

Miss Tucker was staging a farewell function prior to her return to the United States. Berlin had refused absolutely to receive any message that came to the hotel for him, but Miss Tucker and managed to get one to him. At the club the band was jazing his merriest and the couples on the floor were in the haze of the dance. A few of those present recognized the famous couple who entered and sat watching and listening.

Then Miss Tucker exploded her surprise bomb. "I will now ask Irving Berlin to play some of his melodies for us," she said. Immediately all eyes were riveted upon the bride and groom. Irving sung his customary nervousness, Elin blushed.

Shy and uneasy, Irving made his way to the piano. Instead of playing, however, he broke into "Remember" with all the pathos he knows how to put into his compositions. Later Mr. Berlin explained why he and his bride had kept so closely to their apartment.

"We have only locked ourselves in the hotel because we are naturally shy," he said. "But I had to come and say good-bye to Sophie. She says I made her success, but I guess it's truer that she made mine."

He talked at length on the early struggles of Miss Tucker and himself when each earned only a few dollars weekly and of their subsequent successes.

POLL TAXES MUST BE Railroad Labor Bill Said to Afford Full Protection for All

Washington, Jan. 15.—Endorsing the Watson-Parker railroad labor bill, W. N. Doak of the Trainmen's Brotherhood, told the senate interstate commerce committee today that the measure was "adequate to protect the interests of the railroads and the employees, and fully adequate to protect the public interests and to assure an uninterrupted flow of commerce as well as industrial peace of the railroads."

"This proposed act does not contemplate force, coercion, or intimidation," he said, "but is based on conferences, agreements and accord between the parties in the interests of the public itself. It is an agreement solemnly entered into."

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H. H. Ray Candidate For Tax Assessor For County of Bell

In this issue of the Forum H. H. Ray, who is now serving his third term as county commissioner from Precinct 3, the Temple precinct, makes his announcement to the voters of Bell county as a candidate for county tax assessor.

Mr. Ray is a native son of Bell county, having been born near Troy in which neighborhood he has lived all his life. He is thoroughly familiar with the affairs of the county and has a practical knowledge of business which will enable him to give efficient service in the office of assessor. He has made good as a county commissioner in a ways courteous, attentive and enthusiastic in giving the best service in behalf of the taxpayers.

While Mr. Ray already enjoys a wide acquaintance over Bell county he says he proposes to visit every section of the county during his campaign and hopes to have the support and the opportunity of meeting every voter, man and woman, in the interest of his candidacy. He submits his candidacy to the voters upon a basis of merit and qualification to discharge efficiently the duties of the office he is seeking.

His record and service as a citizen and public officer is before the people and he invites consideration of his candidacy by all the voters. His candidacy is made subject to the democratic primary election to be held in July.

POLL TAXES MUST BE PAID BEFORE JAN. 31. Ebb White Announces For Commissioner of Precinct 3, Temple

S. E. White, of Temple, is a candidate for county commissioner from Precinct 3, which is the Temple precinct, and his announcement appears in the Forum this week. Mr. White has decided views upon the subject of tax apportionment to the various precincts, as well as upon the subject of equalization of taxation throughout the entire county. He is an expert road builder, understands proper methods of drainage and knows the value of material in all public works. He advocates permanent roads, bridges and culverts, saying the time has come when the wisdom and economy of permanent structures no longer is questioned.

"Precinct 3 carries 42 per cent of the total property valuations of Bell county," said Mr. White, "and therefore this precinct pays 42 per cent of the county road taxes as well as that amount of other county taxes, and it is only fair that in the apportionment of taxes the Temple precinct should be allotted its proper share. Every road in the precinct should get its pro rata of the road funds allotted to the precinct and none should be overlooked. I believe in practical and personal supervision of all road work and workers should be established in camps where they have work to do and not lose time going and coming each day from distant points to their work."

Ebb White is a native of Bell county, born on his father's farm five miles south of Temple, and in his early boyhood lived with the family on the site now occupied by the Woodson Eye, Ear and Nose hospital, which is part of the Scott & White hospital system. He graduated from the Temple public schools in 1904. He has been engaged in road construction since 1919 and had a part in building of the Meridian highway through Bell county to the Williamson county line on the south. He also has done much road construction in Travis county where as in Bell county, he worked under some of the foremost road engineers in the state. He has done much work recently in connection with the street paving construction in Temple, working under City Engineer George Byars.

He is a son of C. J. White, widely known Bell county farmer, is married and lives at 1002 South Main street. He is a member of Seventh Street Methodist church which he joined in 1898.

Mr. White's candidacy, he says, is subject to the action of the democratic primaries, which the Cockerels are expected to make a thorough canvass of the precinct and meet every voter if possible in the interest of his candidacy. He asks for the support of the voters, men and women, of this precinct upon his merits and qualifications and pledges faithful service and economical administration of county funds in every transaction.

Father of Country Gambled and Danced Says Rupert Hughes

New York, Jan. 16.—Rupert Hughes, the novelist, still insists that George Washington "gambled, swore profanely, played cards and danced all night," but he doesn't think any the less of him for it. Last night at a lecture on literature he repeated much of what he had said in Washington Tuesday night to the scandal of some members of the Sons of the American Revolution. They were heckling when he said "Washington 'stayed up all night and danced with the ladies.' " "Well, what if he did?" shouted a woman in the gallery, who had been gesticulating in indignation. "He was the father of our country."

Mr. Hughes ignored the heckling and said he was merely telling few truths about Washington and that he had no intention of inferring that he was an immoral man. The cherry tree story, Mr. Hughes said, was a lie invented by a clergyman who wanted to adorn a moral for children. Mr. Hughes quoted from Washington's diary to prove that the first president brewed beer, drank freely, gambled, was a "regular s.o.r.t." and not a "mollycoddle" as some historians painted him. "Why should this great and glorious patriot be handed down to posterity as a milk sop?" he asked.

Young Man Is Held in Lubbock Jail for Slaying of Autoist

Lubbock, Tex., Jan. 18.—Retracting previous alleged statements and branding them as false, Perry "Jack" Wilson, 21, Canyon, is still being held here today for questioning in connection with the slaying of Fred Conner, Tulsa automobile man, on the Tulsa-Plainview highway July 16.

Wilson, who was discharged from the regular army at Fort Bliss the latter part of last June, has been identified by three men as the youth who was in Conner's company the last time the garageman was seen alive. Wilson can account for the time that he was discharged from the army up until a few days before Conner's death, and from a few days after the slaying until the present time but is apparently lost concerning what to tell officers about his loss of memory.

County Attorney Owen W. McWhorter, who is directing the questioning of the boy, said this morning that he believed a few more interrogations today would bring important facts to the officers. No charges have yet been filed against Wilson.

Reward for Missing Clerk. Childress, Tex., Jan. 16.—Reward of \$250 for the return of Henry C. Burnett, 39, county clerk, indicted in connection with a short in county funds of about \$16,000, was posted here today following a meeting of commissioners' court. The shortage was covered by alleged forged scrip. Sheriff John B. Compton is investigating.

POLL TAXES MUST BE PAID BEFORE JAN. 31. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ferguson Forum is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices listed before their names, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held Saturday, July 24, 1926:

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The inducements and natural advantages for dairying in Texas are indeed numerous: (1) climate—mild winters and green pastures the year round in many parts of the state; (2) health of stock better than in many places where dairying has been considered a success; (3) forage and grain foods are produced in abundance, and thus reduce the cost of feeding; (4) railway and truck facilities now connect every part of the State with a market for the product of the dairy; (5) there is a generous demand for these articles which is

steady throughout the year, and (6) a fair price may always be commanded within a short while, and it produces a steady stream of income. Is it, then, a lack of natural facilities which makes possible the above-mentioned state of affairs? What is your opinion? Are we lacking in enterprise and a desire to make the best of all our resources? None could answer 'yes' to that question in view of all that has been accomplished in Texas in the last fifty years. What we can see from the foregoing facts is simply that we have seen our opportunity and are developing it, and unless the very unexpected comes to pass, Texas will soon come into her own and the first place as a dairying state, which will mean that she will not only supply all her own needs, but will have a surplus which will bring to her coffers a shining yellow substance more valuable than butter!

At the present time large dairying companies have been organized in practically all the cities and their stations may be seen in all the nearby towns



The article here published is part of a series to advertise the Resources and Industries of Texas; and are contributed by "Builders of Texas," who made possible the Growth and Development of Texas. Other articles in this campaign will deal with the varied industrial, agricultural and mineral interests and their progress and development in Texas. Read each article of this series. It will be worth your while.

where the farmer may take his produce and sell it at the current market price. These establishments have done much to make possible the rapid strides which the dairying industry has made in TEXAS in the last twenty years. They and State and Federal officials throughout the state have used their knowledge and influence to have the nondescript milch cow of the last century replaced by Holstein, Jersey, and other breeds of cattle which are more adapted to dairying purposes. This may be shown from the figures of the United States Department of Agriculture which give the number of dairy cattle in Texas in 1905 as 821,000, and their value at \$16,160,000, while in 1925 there were 1,063,000 Dairy cattle whose value was placed at \$35,079,000. Thus you can see we have more than doubled the value of these cattle, and the number also shows a substantial increase. Where does Texas now stand in relation to the other States in this matter, and who are her rivals? Her place has risen as high as seventh within the last few years, and ranges consistently from seven to nine, but has stayed in the class of those having more than a million dairy cattle since 1908. In this category she is placed with Wisconsin, which usually holds first place, New York, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, practically all of which are older and more developed than Texas, and may possibly cease to grow while Texas has every prospect of forging much farther ahead in the exuberance of her youth and strength!



LETTERS TO THE FORUM

Wishes the Forum a prosperous year, I am,

ROY C. NICHOLS, Captain Company C, Texas Rangers Marshall, Texas.

Retracts His Criticism.

Editor Forum, my friends and to the Citizens of Texas

I am writing this open letter for the purpose of retracting my criticism of our governor because of her clemency and free use of the pardoning power in dealing with those serving terms in the state penitentiary, and of her commutations of the death penalty to life imprisonment.

Be it remembered that I have never voted for our present governor or her name, but as we grow older and learn more about our fellow men, we change. I shall henceforth vote for "Ma" or for Jim.

H. MEERS, Cedar Creek, Bastrop county, Texas.

Slender and False Accusation Fail.

Editor Forum: Find check to renew my subscription to your much appreciated paper. I sincerely hope you will be blessed to continue to oppose all evil in the same bold, fearless, righteous manner you have done in the past. I notice that the enemies of the administration are becoming desperate and loud in their denunciation of our noble governor. But that is no more than I expected. They have gone on and on about the same type of men who antagonized the Lord Jesus Christ when He made His advent into the world, and after diligent search, slender and false accusations they utterly failed to show Him guilty of any crime. Yet they shout and cry "Away with Him!" crucify Him: He is not fit to live for He is the friend of poor publicans and sinners."

This is so much like the wall going up now over the state. They admit they cannot prove that either the governor or her husband has violated any law, but the governor has committed the unpardonable sin of showing clemency to a number of sinners, therefore they think it good to crucify her. They crucified our Lord; they crucify our governor, but I am sure if their hands were raised they will fall with her armor on and her face to the enemy and with her will be a host of as true and noble men and women friends as live on the earth.

With best wishes for your health, happiness and prosperity I hope you will remember as a sincere friend,

C. P. DAVIS, Route 1, Ovalo, Texas.

Commends Governor's Article.

Editor Forum: I am reading with much delight the governor's article. So much so that I can't refrain from writing you to commend it. I am sure that those so-called preachers and I can see that she has a clear vision of their insincerity. Yes, they claim to be following Christ, but you stop the money going into their pockets and they will stop following Christ. They don't seem to care where it comes from just so they get it. They would take it from a hooded order which I consider just about as low down as a man can get.

I say hurrah for Ma and Pa. They have made good and we don't want them to enclose \$1.50 for subscription to the Forum and Southland Farmer.

Yours to support the Fergusons, it don't matter what they are for!

L. T. COOK, Percilla, Texas.

Still a Democrat.

Editor Forum: Enclosed you will find \$1.00. Keep the Forum coming. I have been with the Fergusons for years and have pulled many votes for them since Jim ran against Tom Ball, and I am still helping them. I have not heard a word against the governor's pardon record. We all farmers agree with you. All the people who voted for you are of the same mind.

Well, I am 72 years old and still a democrat. We old fellows are with you and ready to help you.

J. O. FREEMAN, Tolar, Texas.

Advises People to Read Forum.

Editor Forum: If you will permit I would like to have a heart to heart talk with the readers of the Forum. The first thing I wish to say is that every reader of the Forum and all friends of the Forum should take advantage of the very reasonable offer of the Forum for \$1.00 from now until September 1, and not only renew their subscriptions but exert every effort to get new subscribers.

I know our people of Texas are sleeping over a smouldering political volcano that soon will burst forth and Texas will be shaken from end to end. My friends, don't think that a government of, for and by the people is the wish of everybody in Texas. I know our big daily paper in this state which has put on the lowest rate I have ever known it to give and with a horde of solicitors at good salaries at work. This is a new star in the political horizon. I never have known a big city daily to cater to the common people before. I could have been reading the big daily and paid for it at my will. What does it mean? I know where this new star rises but I am not so sure where it will set. It rises from the lap of big business in Texas and my guess is that it intends setting on the necks of the common people of the state. Big business and crooked politicians could no doubt pay the expenses of these solicitors and the difference between the regular price of that paper and take it in spaces in the paper.

The Forum, of course, cannot compete with the big dailies and that is why I am asking you in the name of justice and humanity to rally to Jim Ferguson and the Forum.

T. J. BRISBOW, LaRue, Texas.

Can't Do Without Forum.

Editor Forum: Enclosed \$1.00 for which send me the Forum. I am old and have been sick all the winter. I saw your ad in the paper that \$1.00

would get the Forum until September 1, so as I can't do without the Forum I will send \$1.00. Give my best regards to our good governor. May God bless her in her works.

H. J. FERGUSON, Box 821, Quanah, Texas.

He Is For Ma, Strong.

Editor Forum: Me for Ma and Ma for governor! Come on, Pa! We are going to make it 200,000 next time instead of 150,000. Do thyself no harm for we are all here. Please send the Forum to the names listed here for which the money is enclosed.

W. E. SMITH, Lorena, Texas.

Challenge to Atticus.

Editor Forum: I am sending my check for renewal for subscription to the Forum, which expired some time ago.

I see from the papers that the head of the Anti-Saloon League is criticizing and making a kick because the governor has offered \$500 reward for the apprehension and conviction of bootleggers. \$5,000 or more who is caught violating the prohibition law. I thought that was what he wanted done all the time until he came out a while ago and said that he did not. Now if the Rev. Atticus Webb and the other members of the prohibition organization are sincere and honest in what they say about wanting bootlegging stopped and will put up \$1,000 to show that they mean business I will show them a way that will stop fifty per cent in twelve months and they can put the bootleggers out of business entirely in five years. But the way these organizations are doing never will stop bootlegging.

Now if they mean business I want them to let me hear from them; otherwise let them keep still.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year,

W. P. ABBOTT, Route A, Lampasas, Texas.

For Ferguson and Don't Care Who Knows It.

Editor Forum: You know the old adage, "The Hit Dog Always Howls," and it seems quite a few are being hit from the way they are howling. At first they claimed that if the Fergusons were elected they would steal the capitol. Considering those who said this it was natural they should think that a governor just had to steal, and that being the case the capitol was bound to go as it was the only thing the others had left. But since they see that the Fergusons have put the penitentiary upon a cash basis and that the state's warrants are worth 100 cents on the dollar they are howling about pardons. They seem to think it awful to turn some poor convict out. I dare say there are worse men today running around in Texas hog wild than ever have been pardoned. I will also say that those who have been pardoned will make better men than if they had been forced to serve out their full terms, and I will further say that I believe that most of the howlers would kick at the impounding of poolee dogs.

The plain truth is they are sore and there is just one cure for them and that is a good application of unprejudiced common sense.

Next they hear that most of the highway general would go back and investigate some of the other road contractors' work these howlers would see they had thrown out a boomerang. They want laws enforced that are worse than today run. But, listen, they seem to want to put the ones to be punished. I see the governor has offered a reward of \$500 for the conviction of any one worth more than \$5,000 who violates the liquor laws. That shows she is in earnest, but I wish she would. The man worth that much will never be convicted.

As a peace officer I will say that prohibition will never be enforced until more people really and truly get in favor of having it enforced. There is no office that the man who can enforce any law, or in fact, do anything, without co-operation, and if the people of Texas will get in behind our governor and co-operate with her we will have as good government as Texas ever has had.

But, as it is, most of these howlers are just making Texas a laughing stock for the whole United States.

Yes, I am for Ferguson and don't care who knows it. My name is

LISS WALKER, Priddy, Texas.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX!

Texas Prize Cotton Will Be Shipped to Europe For Exhibit

Tyler, Texas, Jan. 20.—The sixteen bales of cotton raised by G. Mont Adams on his five-acre tract, two miles west of Tyler, which won the grand State-wide prize in the cotton contest sponsored by The Dallas News and The Semi-Weekly Farm News, together with nine other bales, the entire twenty-five bales raised on eighteen acres, his year's production, were sold late Monday evening to E. B. Guthrie & Co. of Dallas. E. B. Guthrie Jr., purchased the Adams cotton, giving 23c a pound. The staple averaged 1 1/16 inches and the grade was strict middling. Mr. Guthrie said a special commission will be made of the twenty-five bale shipment, which will be transferred immediately to Galveston, thence to Liverpool, where it will be displayed and exhibited as Texas' prize crop, and the sixteen bale plot will be shown as the triumph of Lone Star State production.

Hundreds of congratulatory telegrams and letters poured into Tyler Monday, many to Adams, some to the Chamber of Commerce and others to County Agent E. Gentry and Judge J. W. Fitzgerald, chairman of the Smith County Agricultural Council. These congratulations, many of which came from other states, said Mr. Adams had carved Smith county in an enviable place in Texas agriculture and were happy that The Dallas News was the "big daddy" of the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" movement.

POLL TAXES MUST BE PAID BEFORE JAN. 31.

Aid Is Asked By Tennesseans In Raising Funds to Mark Grave Of Davy Crockett's Beautiful Wife

Association to accomplish the reclamation of the abandoned grave of his first love, and care for the same permanently.

It is estimated that five thousand dollars will be required to reclaim, enclose, beautify and suitably monument the Polly Findley Crockett graveyard, and establish a trust fund ample to provide for the permanent care and upkeep of the same. An appeal is made to the admirers of Davy Crockett for donations to the above fund in denominations of one dollar or more, remittance to be made by money order or check to H. B. Alexander, Cashier, Home Bank and Trust company, Winchester, Tennessee, and Secretary-Treasurer, Polly Findley Crockett Memorial Association.

JOHN M. BISHOP, President, Polly Findley Crockett Association, Winchester, Tenn.

The officers and directors of the association which is making the above appeal are: John M. Bishop, President; H. B. Alexander, cashier, Home Bank and Trust company, Winchester, Tenn.; and Secretary-Treasurer, V. R. Williams, chairman public affairs committee, Citizens club, Winchester, Tenn.; J. B. Templeton, T. A. Embrey, E. C. Mowry, Ed Wenger, H. B. Franklin, C. O. Prince, B. A. Grisard.

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Sherman-Youmans Will Sue if Moody Does Not Try Case

Houston, Tex., Jan. 20.—If Attorney General Moody does not consent to go to trial Jan. 25 in district court in Travis county on the suit brought to forfeit the Sherman & Youmans Harris county contract for topping roads, a mandamus suit will be filed against the highway commission and treasurer to force payment of money due them on work already done, F. C. Youmans, member of the firm, stated Saturday.

"We have instructed our attorney, John F. Bataille, to file the mandamus suit if we can not get a hearing in the suit filed against us by the attorney general," Youmans said.

"We have been anxious to go to trial with that case, but the attorney general keeps asking for a postponement and in the meantime we are stopped from our work of surfacing the roads of this county as our contract provides."

The first suit against Sherman & Youmans was filed by County Commissioner R. H. Spencer, joined by a number of citizens. Judge W. E. Montelth in district court here enjoined Sherman & Youmans from proceeding with the work. The court of civil appeals at Galveston reversed him on the ground that no one was competent to bring the suit except the attorney general on behalf of the state.

Sherman & Youmans have also served notice that if the contract for topping roads is canceled they shall ask to be relieved of their contract for maintenance of the state highways in the county, which they say they took for \$100,000 less than the next low bidder.

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Free Clubbing Offer

Realizing that the great majority of the Forum readers are farmers and stockmen to whom the Forum is indebted for support and good will, we have arranged to furnish free to our new and renewal subscribers one of the best farm publications in Texas.

The Southland Farmer, owned and edited by Hon. J. W. Canada of Houston, Texas, contains more interesting and instructive information to Farmers than any publication of its kind in Texas. Mr. Canada is perhaps the best posted agricultural editor in the state. Every farmer should have this paper.

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A USEFUL MEDICINE

"Black-Draught Is the First Thing We Think of," Says a Missouri Man.

Mt. Vernon, Mo.—"My wife and I," says Mr. Lon Dively, who resides on his new farm near here, "take Black-Draught and have for ten years." They have found Black-Draught helpful as a cathartic in the treatment of common colds, for he says:

"In October of a year ago, we came from Arkansas in a truck, moving, and both of us took deep colds and were about all in. We began doctoring with Black-Draught and soon we were up and about, as good as new."

"When we have indigestion, sour stomach and any such ailment, Black-Draught is my sure thing. We think of it used to get up in the morning and have a dull, tired headache—sluggish and out of humor. I take Black-Draught and my head and feel good, go right on working."

"My wife's liver gets out of order—she gets out of humor, and I tell her, 'Quick, get Black-Draught!'"

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Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT LIVER MEDICINE

Imperial Wizard and Satellites Halt for Parley at Houston

Houston, Tex., Jan. 20.—Hiram Evans, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, was in Houston Monday. He was accompanied by Harry Lawther, attorney for the Klan, of Dallas, and Norman Campbell. A number of Washington, D. C. klansmen are members of the party.

The imperial wizard of the invisible empire was closeted all morning in Room 336 at the Rice, with a number of Houston klansmen and klansmen from other towns.

When a reporter telephoned Doctor Evans' room Monday afternoon he was informed Doctor Evans was not in. He went to the room and found Doctor Evans and several other klansmen.

"What is your mission in Houston now?" the reporter asked.

"The Ku Klux Klan is a secret fraternal organization and I am here on business connected with the organization," replied the wizard.

During the morning Harry Lawther, Dallas Klan attorney, went to the Federal building and asked for certified records in the case of Edward Young Clarke, former acting imperial wizard, who was fined \$5,000 in Federal court here on his plea of guilty to violation of the Mann act.

When asked what this was for Evans replied that he knew nothing about it.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX!

Miss Katie Daffan to Issue Memorial Coins to Veterans

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—Miss Katie Daffan of Houston is to have charge of the distribution of 980 Stone Mountain Memorial coins to survivors of Hood's Texas brigade under the stipulations contained in the purchase of a thousand of these half dollars by John B. Hood of Jonestown, Miss., son of the famous general of the Southern Confederacy. Miss Daffan, referred to by Hood in a letter to Chairman Lon A. Smith, as "the beloved life secretary of Hood's Brigade," has devoted much of her life to perpetuating the memories of the "lost cause" and has not missed a reunion of Hood's brigade since she was a child.

Hood, born in Ohio, and wealthy planter of his adopted state, sent his check for \$1,000 in payment of an equal number of the coins. He wants a score for the Hoods to treasure as souvenirs and all the others given by Miss Daffan to men who fought under his father or to their descendants, as Miss Daffan may elect. This is the largest individual purchase of coins in the Texas drive, where every energy is being exerted to push over the top with the Texas quota of 475,000 by the finish of the movement, Jan. 23.

Hood had incentive for his generosity in the fact that his father was chosen as one of the five Texans whose images will be engraved on Stone Mountain in Augustus Lukeman's panorama of the South's immortals.

Utility Companies Merged.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 16.—Secretary of State today gave approval to the transfer of all properties of the Lamb County Utilities company to the Texas Utilities company of Plainview, for \$49,500. These properties are at Amhurst and Sudan.

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Decrease Shown In Most Communicable Diseases For Year

Austin, Texas, Jan. 20.—Statistical reports compiled by the state board of health on communicable diseases for the year 1924-25, show an appreciable decrease in Texas for 1925 over 1924 of the following diseases: dengue, malaria, dysentery, typhoid fever, measles, pellagra, trachoma, and tuberculosis.

That Texas was free from an epidemic of measles during 1925, is shown by an 84.9 per cent decrease of this disease during this year. The next largest decrease of any disease is that of dysentery, there being 64 per cent less cases of this intestinal trouble reported. This reduction in the number of cases of dysentery, coupled with the fact that 13.4 per cent fewer cases of typhoid fever were reported in 1925 than 1924, bespeaks the good results of the work being done in Texas of the lines of improved method sanitation and water purification.

The intensive mosquito control work being done by municipal co-operation with the state board health also shows splendid results. Improved health conditions, the fever cases in 1925, and a reduction of 28.4 per cent in malaria cases reported. Pellagra shows a decrease of 44.2 per cent over the previous year; trachoma, 61.1 per cent; and tuberculosis, 32.8 per cent.

Diseases showing a slight decrease in number of cases during the year are: mumps, diphtheria, scarlet fever, small pox, and whooping cough. There were also fewer cases reported during the year 1925 of such common diseases in Texas as anthrax, leprosy, Malta fever, human rabies and typhus fever.

The only diseases showing any appreciable increase in number of cases during 1925 are influenza, pneumonia and chicken pox. Influenza heads this list with an increase of 85 per cent, due to an influenza epidemic that swept the state the early part of the year. In pneumonia, an increase of 56.2 per cent is shown, and in chicken pox, an increase of 18.3 per cent.

Langley Reports at Prison to Start on Two-Year Sentence

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 16.—John W. Langley for twenty years congressman from Kentucky, entered the Atlanta Federal Prison here today to begin serving a two year sentence imposed on conviction of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law.