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FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

The following poem was enclosed in a letter we received from Gordon Young this week. Gordon, senior class poet last year, who entered naval training at San Diego, California, last fall, has already advanced to the rank of second class seaman. "I like fine," he stated. He is preparing for first class rate. Gordon's division of the fleet will leave March 9 for Honolulu, Hawaii. His division will remain there two years. Gordon is interested in his work and we believe him to be a young man who will make good.

"After Sunset"

By Gordon Young
When another day's work is done,
And rising moon replaces the setting sun;
When the stars illuminate the sky in irregular splendor,
To peace and solitude let my heart surrender.
And the cares of the present drift away;
Like the waves that gently move the seaweed.
Will they tumble on some noisy beach;
Near the slum and turmoil of streets?
Or will they recede to some rendezvous;
To some desolate place and solitude?
To ripple again, and reflect the luster of stars;
Soft, secretive murmers of exploits and wars
Of years and years ago;
In some distant part of the globe.
The slight stir of a gentle breeze
And they rush away unseen
To some distant place on deserted shores;
Where the moon shines with a soft silver glow.
They linger like reminiscences to confide,
Then pass on with the changing tide.

He: I have a secret I want to tell you.
She: What is it?
He: Will you marry me?
She: Keep your secret.

Optimism

Perhaps you have wondered why most business leaders in the United States are willing to be optimists for publication whereas nobody is willing to be a pessimist. Whatever business conditions may be—good, fair or terrible—the bankers and industrialists give cheerful interviews to the financial reporters. Even though disaster is just around the corner, the leaders either smile and say nothing or give out a hopeful statement.

The reason is that the American people will forgive a mistaken optimist whereas they will behead a pessimist, even though he may be right. They will assert that his pessimism caused the collapse, although he may have contributed no more to the catastrophe than a scientist contributes to an earthquake when his instruments record a tremor.

This psychology is so well understood that every so-called leader plays safe. The layman who wants to know when the tide will turn must depend largely on his own judgment. He will get little help from gratuitous advice. He may get good advice from professional counselors, but he will be slow to follow their promptings if he seeks to confirm their judgment by current reading.

Usually the signals of distress are right at hand. They appear in our own neighborhood and in our own business. If we are honest with ourselves, we know that danger lies ahead in ample time to reef our sails. Because we dislike to slow down, we seek elsewhere for justification of our folly and extravagance. That is the source of our trouble.—Acco Press.

Gold, silver, copper and lead mined in Texas last year had a gross value of \$1,141,573, compared with \$781,614 in 1935, according to information received by the Texas Planning Board from the Bureau of Mines.

From 1885 to 1937, Texas has produced in recovered metals, 6160 ounces of gold, 26,012,507 ounces of silver, 1,418,960 pounds of copper, 6,592,126 pounds of lead and 1,488,474 pounds of zinc, according to statistics compiled by the board.

Life Is a Hard Road

By Hally Crawford

A man comes into this world without his consent, and leaves it against his will.

During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continual round of controversies, and misunderstandings with his fellow man.

In his infancy, he is an angel, in his boyhood he is a devil, in his manhood he is everything from a lizard up.

In his dotage, he is a fool, if he

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RED CROSS DRIVE NETTED GOOD SUM

The Red Cross drive in the Putnam vicinity last week netted \$47.30 to be distributed in the recently flooded districts. This was the second drive. Mrs. John Cook served as chairman for both drives. She was assisted the second time by Mrs. Tex Herring, Mrs. Wiley Clinton, and Rev. F. A. Hollis. Possibly other contributions were made after the report was handed the Putnam News.

PAVING TO START ON 89 WITHIN TWO WEEKS

It is reported from Weatherford that paving will begin on highway No. 89 from Weatherford to Strawn within the next two weeks. The project is estimated to furnish employment for about three hundred men while the work is going on, which will be about ten months before completion.

THE NEW AUTOMOBILE PLATES

Monday was the first day that new tags for 1937 automobiles were sold, but the new tags must not be used until April 1, as this is the end of the 1936 year by a law passed by the 44th legislature. Until the act of the 44th legislature the taxes were paid to February 1, but on account of the depressing conditions the legislature moved the date up to April 1. Those purchasing new cars will have to have a tag for 1936 until the new year begins.

CLAUDE KING BUYS THE CLARK HOME

Claude King, who owns the barber shop in Putnam, stated this week that he had purchased the old Clark home owned by Dr. F. E. Clark of Cisco in the east side of town and would move as soon as he could get possession of the place.

TAX REMITTING BILL SENT STATES AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The house bill in Texas legislature is sent back to the state affairs committee after a hot debate Tuesday in which Representative Jeff D. Stinson of Dallas county offered a resolution to send the bill back to the state affairs committee. The advocates of the bill promptly offered a motion to table which was lost by a vote of 57 to 63. The bill was still under consideration when the house adjourned.

This bill proposed to remit all state ad valorem taxes for general revenue to the different counties.

In debating the question the opponents contended the proposal would increase the tax burden on the people, as the state would lose about \$8,500,000 (million) in the transaction which would have to be made up in other new tax on something else.

Representative Graves of Georgetown in discussing the measure said he would rather trust the legislature to spend this sum wisely than the county commissioners' courts over the state. Several members spoke in opposition to the measure before it was referred back to the committee.

PARTY AT NEAL MOORE HOME

A group of young people were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore Thursday evening. A general get together and playing and singing were enjoyed. Montie West, Ruby Jo Pounds and W. P. Everett furnished piano selections. Don Woods sang several selections. The popping of corn was enjoyed. Those present were Montie West, Bertha Buchanan, Frances Cook, Artie Cook, Lillian Cook, Sally Griffin, Ruby Jo Pounds, Eva Moore, Don Woods, W. P. Everett, Jack Cook, Ruth Kirkpatrick, Gladys Snellgrove, Claudia Allen, Ardelia Gaskins.

TAYLOR POLL TAX RECEIPTS FALL 2,000

Earl Hughes, tax assessor and collector for Taylor county, reported 5,510 poll tax receipts were issued this year compared with 8,631 last season.

This will be raised some by a few that were in the mail which had not been counted. This is 3,121 less than were paid in 1935. Property tax paid to February 1 was \$134,533.69 including \$18,564.34 Saturday. Receipts are about \$15,000 behind the 1935 collection up to date.

CROP REPORT

Lee Coats of the Admiral community in Putnam Thursday attending a Woodman banquet and made the News office a pleasant call here. Mr. Coats, in discussing crop conditions in his territory stated that prospects were good at the present time and he thought the wheat conditions good for a crop this year with a good acreage.

Women in Government



WASHINGTON . . . Among the women in Washington official life is a Treasury Department official, Mrs. Marion Blair Banister, who is Assistant Treasurer of the United States.

PIERCE SHACKELFORD ATTENDS FUNERAL IN WACO

Pierce Shackelford and John Henkle of Abilene attended the funeral of Mrs. Rupe in Waco Wednesday, who died in Abilene Tuesday. Mrs. Rupe is the wife of a salesman friend of Mr. Shackelford and Mr. Henkle. They returned Wednesday night.

DENTISTS TO HAVE FREE EXAMINATION FOR CHILDREN

This year for the first time a dentist has been added to the State Health Department of Texas. Upon request of the director of dental health, the members of the Texas Dental Society are cooperating by giving their services for free examination to every school child in the state where this is desired and requested by the school superintendents. This program is fully endorsed by the state superintendent of education, L. A. Wood.

Clinics in Callahan county schools will be in progress soon conducted by the dentists of this county.

W. M. S. MET TUESDAY

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church met at the church Tuesday afternoon at 3. Mrs. John Cook, president, presided. Mrs. G. P. Gaskins led the devotional reading the 145th Psalm. Mrs. Wm. Crosby led prayer. During the business session it was decided to observe the week of Home Missions the first Tuesday in March in an all day meeting. Mrs. S. M. Eubank taught the lesson from The Messages of Mrs. Davis. Those present were Mmes. J. Y. Culwell, W. M. Crosby, G. P. Gaskins, S. M. Eubank, John Cook and E. G. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bates and children, Mary Beth and Buddy of Graham, were Putnam visitors Friday. The Bates formerly lived in Putnam and have many friends here.

FORMER PUTNAM MAN DIES AT WICHITA FALLS

Word has been received here of the death of H. G. Wells of Wichita Falls the latter part of last week. Mr. Wells was the husband of the former Miss Ima Crosby. He was engaged in the oil business of the Putnam vicinity several years ago. His death was the result of a continued illness.

ROAD PROJECT APPROVED

Fred Cook announced Thursday morning that Pete King, commissioner of this precinct, had secured the approval of an appropriation of \$21,000 to gravel about six miles of road on the Cross Plains road extending to what is known as the double log house. It is hoped that this work will get under construction at an early date, however they have no work order yet. This job will furnish employment for a number of men and trucks for some time before it will be completed.

P. T. MET

The Parent Teachers Association of the Putnam public schools met at the school building Thursday, January 28th, to make further plans to raise money to help pay for the home economics equipment. It was definitely decided that a box supper should be given. Other plans were discussed. The date of the box supper will be announced in the near future. The association will meet again February 11th at 3:30 p. m. at the school building. Parents are invited and urged to attend this meeting.

PUTNAM BOY HONORED

BROWNWOOD.—In student elections held here Jan. 29 Osborne Little, Putnam, was selected to serve the second semester as the president of the senior class of Howard Payne College.

Little has been quite popular since his entrance into Howard Payne College four years ago. He has lettered in basketball two years, track two years, and was recently selected as the most popular boy in Howard Payne.

BERTHA BUCHANAN HOSTESS

Miss Bertha Buchanan was hostess to the Junior Study Club in her home Thursday afternoon, January 30th. The following officers were elected for the coming year.

President, Mrs. Bill Clinton.
First vice-president, Mrs. Loren Everett.
Second vice-president, Mrs. John D. Isenhower.
Recording secretary, Louise Peek.
Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clarence Armstrong.
Treasurer, Bertha Buchanan.
Parliamentarian, Mrs. Jack Brandon.

English teacher, Mrs. Alvis Gunn. Sponsor, Mrs. John Cook.
Members present were Mmes. Loren Everett, Clarence Armstrong, Bill Clinton, John Cook, Misses Artie Cook, Bertha Buchanan, and Vella Sandlin. The next meeting will be in the home of Miss Hazel McMillan February 11th.

"Bitsy" Tops Stars



MIAMI, Fla. . . Bryan M. "Bitsy" Grant (above), mighty miniature Atlanta Atom of tennis, is spilling champion net stars all over the South in winter play here, twice defeating Donald Budge, ranking No. 1 U. S. star.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT ROY WILLIAMS' HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams gave a birthday dinner at their home in west Putnam Sunday in honor of the 68th birthday of B. F. Speegle of Scranton. Mr. Speegle is Mrs. Williams' father. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Brummett and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Speegle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Speegle and children, and Miss Lucintha Park, all of Scranton. Mr. Speegle was born in Alabama near Hartsell and came to this country about 1891, settling near Scranton, where he has resided since.

EASTLAND COUNTY'S FIRST SHERIFF DEAD AT 94

Henry S. Schmick, Eastland county's first sheriff, died at the Confederate Home in Austin Saturday at the age of 94. The body was returned to Eastland for burial beside his wife who died about two months ago.

Discharged from the Confederate Army at Marshall at the close of the war, he settled in what later became Eastland county. He was elected sheriff in 1873, the year the county was organized, while he was at Galveston shipping cattle. He served for seven years, returning to the cattle business and later going in to dry goods business. A Brother, Ike Schmick, became the first county judge of Eastland county, and another brother, James K. Schmick, was the third sheriff. Both are now dead.

MARRIAGES INCREASE IN MITCHELL COUNTY

According to report given out last week marriages increased in Mitchell county in 1936 over that of 1935. He states there were 29 more weddings in Mitchell county than there were in 1935. Figures in 1935 were 181 weddings and in 1936 210.

The same report states there were one thousand more chattel mortgages recorded in 1936 than there were in 1935. Total in 1935 being 3,035 as compared with 4,193 in 1936, being an increase over 1935 of 1158.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cook left for Galveston the first of the week where they will visit with their daughter, Mrs. Cotton. They will be gone about two weeks.

PANTHERS WILL GO TO CROSS PLAINS

Oliver Davis, Sports Editor
The Putnam Panthers' basketball quintet will journey to Cross Plains this week-end to engage in the annual Callahan county basketball tournament. The tournament will begin today and continue through Saturday night, the finals being played Saturday night in both divisions. The following teams will be entered: Putnam, Baird, Cross Plains, Denton, Oplin, Eula and Atwell, Cottonwood will send a girl's team.

Buffaloes Favorites
The Cross Plains Buffaloes are top heavy favorites to win the Callahan county championship. The Buffaloes were strengthened considerably by the transfer from the Cottonwood team. The Buffaloes have won many games and invitation tournaments against some very strong competition. Their present team is one of the strongest teams ever in their school history.

Panthers vs. Eula
The Panthers will tangle horns again this year in the first round against Eula. Last year the Panthers lost their opening game to Eula and this year the Panthers will seek revenge. Although Eula has a strong team the Panthers are determined to "whip their ears down." The game will be played this morning between eleven and twelve o'clock.

Additions
Olden, Caddo and Woodson will be in the local football district this season along with Putnam, Baird, Clyde, Strawn, Moran and May, making a total of nine teams in the district, meaning each team will play eight games instead of five as last season.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sunday, February 7, 1937.
Sunday school 10:00.
Sermon, 11:00.
Subject, "A Faithful Steward."
B. T. U. 6:30.
Sermon, 7:30.
Subject: "God's Reward to His Faithful Servants."

TEXAS GAS PROPRATION ACT VOID

The United States Supreme Court Monday declared the Texas gas proppration unconstitutional. This is the law passed by the Texas legislature to limit production in the Panhandle field and to allocate the production among various producers. Justice Brandies writing the opinion stated, "present no more glaring instance of the taking of one man's property and giving it to another."

A BILL TO ABOLISH OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER AGRICULTURE
There is a bill before the lower house of the Texas legislature to abolish the office of commissioner of agriculture. This bill was recommended by Governor Allred. This bill would place this work under the Texas A. & M. college.
Mr. McDonald in opposing the bill said that the only elected representative of the farmers would be destroyed if the office is abolished.

B. T. U. ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT PUTNAM

B. T. U. meeting at Putnam Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 2:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. promptly and on time. Close on time. This is a meeting to start the work of the B. T. U. of the East Zone of Callahan county and consists of Cottonwood, Atwell, Scranton, Dresy, Putnam and Cross Plains churches. A program will be rendered by members and matters of business will be discussed so all those interested will please be there and on time.
J. E. Henkel

1,000 STUDENT ABSENT IN EASTLAND SCHOOL

Supt. Bittle of the Eastland high school reported Tuesday that one thousand students were absent on account of winter illness. Six teachers who have been absent for several days returned to take up their work again. Colds claimed the majority of the absentees.

WORLD'S COTTON CROP 30,200,000 BALES

According to reports of the Department of Agriculture at Washington the world's cotton crop will be 30,200,000 bales having raised the estimate 300,000 bales. Should consumption equal the 1935 figure the carryover will be about 3,000,000 bales more than it was last season. The world consumed 27,200,000 bales in 1935-36, while more than 60 percent of the consumption was of foreign growth. Domestic consumption is running at a higher rate than last year and it looks as if we will use about 7,000,000 by domestic mills; but our foreign trade is running about 600,000 bales less than the 1935-36 exports as reported by export figures.

FURTHERING BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

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Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, and any kind of entertainments where admission fee or other monetary consideration is charged.

FARM INCOME \$9,000,000,000 In 1936

The United States department of Agriculture has announced that the farm income for 1936 would be including benefit payments about \$9,000,000,000 (billion), but the burring question about the income is, can the farmer buy more in 1936 with nine billion than he could purchase in 1932 with five billion three hundred and thirty-seven million. Let us figure in terms of what can be purchased with a dollar compared to what could be purchased for one dollar in 1932.

We find taking five staple articles that everybody uses that the advance in the price has been 136 percent since the low; but The News does not say that it would take two dollars and thirty-six cents to purchase as much goods as could be purchased for one dollar at the low; but we do contend and we do not believe anyone will take issue with us that the price of commodities are higher than the present price of gold at 169, and if we are correct then the farmer can not buy as great quantity of goods as he could in 1932.

The total farm income as shown by the year book put out by the United States government shows that the total income to the farmer was \$5,337,000,000 (billion) in 1932, and the estimated income for 1936 is \$9,000,000,000 (billion); then this reduced to terms of 1932 purchasing power only shows about \$5,330,000,000 (billion) or about \$7,000,000 (million) less buying power than he actually had in 1932.

We can hear some fellow say, "I don't know anything about figuring the price of gold, but I know times are better than they were in 1932." It may be that many people can not figure the price of gold but we all realize when we go to buy a sack of flour or a piece of bacon or a pack of potatoes that we are required to dig down in our pockets for more than twice as much as we did in 1932. This proves the above analysis.

TRADES BALANCE LOWEST SINCE 1893

Taking Washington figures as being correct our exports only exceeded imports by 34,258,000 (million), the smallest balance in 44 years. Exports aggregated for the year 1936 \$2,453,487,000, an increase over the previous year of \$170,000,000 (million). Imports were set at \$2,419,000,000 (billion), or \$371,744,000 (million) more than in 1935. The \$34,258,000 (million) excess of imports last year compared with \$234,381,000 (million) in 1935, and \$477,745,000 (million) in 1934. It will be seen from comparison that in the place of the reciprocal treaties regaining our exports we have actually reduced our balance in favor of this country from \$235,381,000 to only \$34,358,000 or in other words our export balance has shrunk by \$200,000,000 (million) in the last twelve months. The world is consuming more goods than any time in history and there is reason why American people are not getting their share of this trade. The American people should inform themselves of the cause and set out to remedy the situation before it is too late, as we are a producing nation and it is very essential that we have

Memories

by A. B. Chapin

THE HIGH COST OF LOVING



a market for the products we produce, whether farm products or manufactured goods.

Through production and foreign markets is the only way back to prosperity as unemployment can only be solved through production. The citizenry should not be deceived by all of this propaganda that we must produce just what the market will take at a fair price. Under the program of pinching down production our markets will gradually get less and less each year, as the theory of producing less and trying to put the price higher will cause foreign buyers to look elsewhere for supplies as they can not depend on a nation that it paying its citizens to produce less each year, and will look to other countries for their supplies. In 1925 foreign buyers came to this country and purchased from American farmers products to the amount of \$2,136,000,000 (billion). While we have been afflicted with the present program for the past four years, we only sell \$2,453,387,000 (billion) worth of all of our exports going to foreign countries, or our total export trade in 1935 was only \$317,000,000 (million) more than we received for farm products alone in 1925.

AIDING UNDERPRIVILEGED

In recent address, President Roosevelt has borne down extraordinarily heavy on the need of aid for the underprivileged. His statements have been accepted by the public as a continuation of the Roosevelt policies of the past but it is entirely possible that there is a new and peculiar significance attached. A few days ago the president defined the underprivileged as a third of the population, that is, the low third income bracket. This bracket undoubtedly does not contain more than a small percentage of the present trouble makers in industrial labor. It does not contain the striking dockworkers, nor the General Motors employees, nor does it contain the railroad brotherhoods who are now asking for increased pay. As a matter of fact the lower third of the population in the income scale includes very few of the followers of either William Green or John Lewis.

Roosevelt is sympathetic toward organized labor; apparently he believes in the ultimate efficiency of organized labor to raise the standard of living among the underprivileged. But he probably sees clearly that if the organized middle class of wage earners push ahead with their plans for increased wages, thereby raising living cost, while income of small farmers, day laborers, low salaried clerks and domestic servants remain static, the lot of the really underprivileged must be made worse.

Of course, the leaders of the railroad brotherhoods or other powerful labor unions will reply to this with the argument that if organized laborers' wages are raised, then the farmer will have a greater market, the domestic servant will find more and better jobs, et cetera. This is parallel to the argument that long has been made by high tariff advocates. It is parallel to the theory of President Hoover in his early depression efforts to irrigate the upper brackets so that the benefits would percolate downward to the lower. All of these trickle down theories are alike—one third good, two-thirds bad.

Apparently Roosevelt's theory is to pipe the life giving economic waters directly to the submerged stratum—the families whose income range from \$750 down to nothing a year. Possibly this is one reason why he is not exhibiting the John L. Lewis idea of cooperation in the automobile strike.—Dallas News.

BRUCE BARTON Soap



DALLAS COUNTY POLL TAX RECEIPTS LOWER THAN 1936

It appears that the payment of poll taxes in 1937 has made a new low from reports over the state. Dallas county, one of the heaviest voting counties in Texas, has dropped more than thirty thousand from the 1936 level. There was only 37,000 paid in the county. With the exemptions it will give a voting strength of about 55,000 as compared with about 86,000 in 1936.

ROOSEVELT WILL ADDRESS BOY SCOUTS FEBRUARY 8

It is announced that the Scouts of the Chisholm Trail have received word that President Roosevelt would broadcast his annual message to Boy Scouts throughout the country on February 8. This message will be broadcast over a national hookup.

BIRTHDAY BALL AT ABILENE NETS \$625

The birthday ball at Abilene Saturday night received, \$625.00 with \$456.60 going to the child welfare work, and the remainder of \$195.75 going to the Warm Springs foundation for infantile paralysis in Georgia. These birthday balls were started four years ago for the purpose of creating a fund to aid cripple children.

STAMFORD PRODUCTION ASS'N. LOANS \$468,000.00

W. C. Church of Merkel, and Wm. Griffith of Knox City, were elected to the Board of Directors of the Stamford Production Credit Association at the annual meeting of the Association held at Stamford, January 20, 1937. These directors, together with the rest of the Board and the secretary-treasurer, will serve the members of the Association in the conduct of the PCA business during 1937.

A record breaking attendance at the meeting, which was the third annual meeting since the organization of the Association, reflects the interest the farmers and stockmen of Texas are taking in this cooperative credit system, according to J. L. Hill, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the Association.

Mr. Hill reports that the Stamford Association made loans to the amount of \$468,000.00 to the farmers and stockmen of Jones, Haskell, Knox, King, Dickens, Stonewall, and Shackelford counties during 1936. The volume of loans made by all the production credit association in Texas last year amounted to more than \$21,000,000 as compared with about \$13,000,000 for 1935.

In addition to report of the manager and directors of the Association, John H. Rigel spoke at the meeting. Mr. Rigel stressed the cooperative features of the nation-wide production credit association.

Work Must Be Found

America's most important task is to work out some economic system by which we can provide honest jobs for all the people all the time. Every man and woman is entitled to the glorious self-respect which comes from being able to say: "Thank God, I have a place; I am needed."

I say this because once I left my family in France and started back across the ocean alone. For a couple of days I was depressed. Everything I cared for was behind me. Then one day the wireless spoke:

"Have arranged three important appointments for you," my partner wired. "Best wishes. Please confirm." Immediately came a feeling of relief and cheer. "I have work to go back to," I exclaimed. "Work is waiting to keep me alert, a little worried and on my toes."

I was relating the incident to the chairman of the board of a large corporation. "I know just how you felt," he said. "I've organized our company so well that I've almost organized myself out of a job. But every now and then a really big problem comes along, and the boys have to send for me. A hurry call came to my home recently, and I had to leave for Chicago on an hour's notice. All the way on the train my spirit was singing: 'Somebody wants me, I have work to do.'"

The book of Genesis presents work as a curse inflicted on humanity for its sins. We know in these times of unemployment how faulty that conception is. To wake up in the morning and wonder: "Where shall I go today? What shall I do?" That is the curse.

Words and Their Influence

Words are mysterious and awe-inspiring. We shoot them into the air, either by tongue or pen, and most of them perish. But now and then some stray sentence drops into a mind that remembers it, and is influenced by it for many years. Many books, many sermons, many speeches have run in and out of my brain leaving little trace. Yet here are three quite casual remarks that I remember:

1. Said the late Talcott Williams, in a talk which I had with him immediately after my graduation from college:

"Never forget the old saying of the Jesuits, 'A great deal of good can be done in the world if one is not too careful who gets the credit.'"

2. Said a prominent business man when I was blue and discouraged because the first concern for which I worked had gone busted:

"You are very fortunate to have had a severe disappointment while you are still young. The men to be pitied are those whose disappointments come in middle life, when it is too late for them to start over again." A disappointment in youth is merely part of the hardening process.

3. Said my friend, Robert Updegraff:

"Never grumble about your problems. They are responsible for the greater part of your income." Of the three bits of wisdom this

JOE GISH



last has done me the most good. Whenever I think I am having a tough time I remember that jobs with no worries carry small pay. It's because I have larger troubles that I draw a larger income.

None of these three friends probably gave his remark a second thought. But I have never forgotten them. And I now pass them along. Ninety-nine out of every hundred readers will pay no attention. But some day, fifteen years from now, somebody may say: "I read something of yours a long time ago, and it gave me a fresh start." That's the marvelous thing about working with words.

CANADIAN NEW DEAL THROWN OUT

The British government has no supreme court to pass on the constitutionality of laws, but it has a workable substitute. The substitute worked last week when it threw out the New Deal unemployment insurance law. They have what they call the judicial committee of the privy, which passes on all acts passed by the Canadian parliament and last week this body declared the unemployment insurance, minimum wages, limitation of working hours and regulation of marketing all unconstitutional and threw out the entire New Deal program.

Mike—"What is the difference between vision and sight?"

Pat—"Remember those two girls we had out last night?"

Mike—"Yes."

Pat—"Well, the one I was with was a vision, but the one you was with was a sight."

ATWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook and children from Fort Worth spent the week-end with relatives here this past week.

Little Randall Purvis is very sick with flu and pneumonia at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom and little son attended the singing convention in Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brashear and little daughter visited friends in Ranger Sunday.

S. N. Foster, J. C. Brashear, R. P. Pillans and Clyde Lovelady attended the farmer's meeting at Cottonwood Monday night.

Little Margie Lavender is real sick with the flu.

There's quite a lot of sickness in this community at present.

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Local Happenings

Mrs. J. L. Hudson, Mrs. Carl Kile, Mrs. V. M. Teague, and Miss Viola Teague were Baird visitors Saturday morning.

Mrs. S. M. Eubank, Mrs. W. M. Crosby, Mrs. Fred Golson and Mary Lou Eubank were Abilene visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yeager of the Bluff Branch community, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager Wednesday.

Everett Barron returned this week from California, where he has spent several months in the CCC camp. He is at home to stay.

Mrs. Oral Strahan and son, Darwin Gene, and Mrs. B. E. Everett of near Cross Plains, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett Sunday.

Rev. Pemberton of Cleburne will preach at the Primitive Baptist church Thursday and Friday night, February 4th and 5th. Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan visited in the home of John Gardner and Aunt Sarah Gardner of the Cooke community recently. They also visited Uncle Bob and Aunt Rosie Townsend, A. B. Hall and Luther Hall enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy and daughter, Mrs. Henry Powers and baby of Fort Worth spent a few days in the home of Mr. Kennedy's mother, Mrs. Ella Kennedy, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett and son, Billy Jim, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan and W. W. Everett attended the 5th Sunday singing convention at Kokomo last Sunday. W. A. Everett is president of the convention and Mrs. W. A. Everett is secretary.

Miss Ione Harris of Fort Worth spent the week-end in the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore. Miss Harris formerly attended school in Putnam and has a number of friends here. She is employed in a statistical office at Fort Worth.

Two men were arguing as to which smelled the worse, a tramp or a goat. The agreed to leave it to the judge.

"All right," said the judge, "bring on your evidence."

The goat was led in and the judge fainted.

The tramp was led in and the goat fainted.



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Wayne Northcutt of Baird was a business visitor in Putnam Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stuart and daughter, Miss Preble, of Gustine, spent the week-end in the home of their son, Melvin Stuart and family.

Eugene Sunderman of Howard Payne College, spent the week-end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman.

KNOW TEXAS

DENTON.—"Flood Waters Continue to rise," "Millions in Property Loss," "Death Toll Mounts"—these were among the headlines of the past few days, bringing the nation face to face with the serious problem of flood control. To no small degree is the future economic and civic program of Texas and the nation dependent upon a solution of this problem.

The chief difficulty in the past has been lack of a coordinated program. However, in recent years rapid progress has been made toward a coordinated water conservation plan which would consider each river basin as a single problem, and endeavor to achieve the ends of flood control, irrigation, municipal supply, and power in a single program.

The Brazos River Conservation and Reclamation District, which plans to control the waters of the basin through 13 or 14 dams along the middle course of the river and its tributaries, is the outstanding example of cooperative effort in the conservation program of the state. The Brazos, throughout its history, has presented a greater flood control problem than any other river in Texas. This is due both to the density of population in its bottoms and to the physical character of the drainage basin.

The rainfall in the Brazos basin, while averaging only about 25 inches a year, is frequently heavy, rapidly swelling the flow of water in the streams. Rising at over 4,000 feet, the descent of the Brazos channel is relatively rapid until it breaks into the plain of the Grand Prairie and blackland belt about the lower limit of Somerville county. The rapid descent of flood water from the upper reaches into the slow-moving stream of the coastal belt has created disastrous floods.

At present the largest proposed project in Texas is the Red River basin at Denison dam. The project is a part of the Mississippi River Development and flood control program, and will also be used for power, navigation, and municipal supply.

POULTRY SHIPMENTS UP

AUSTIN.—Forwardings of Texas poultry and eggs to interstate points during December totalled 787 cars, against 439 during December, 1935, an increase of 79 percent, according to the University of Texas' Bureau of Business Research. Of the 668 carloads of poultry, 605 cars were turkeys and 63 cars were chickens; increased more than 52 per cent and of chickens. Thus turkey shipments while the comparable figures in 1935 were 397 cars of turkeys and 15 cars forwardings of chickens increased 320 per cent.

ONE OUNCE OF RADIUM

The Governor General and the Prime Minister of Canada have just ceremonialized a "notable increase" in the production of radium in Canada during the past three years. Total production: one ounce. Market value: \$1,400,000.

With this addition, the world's supply of radium is now about 25 ounces, not enough to make a two-inch cube. It is scattered widely, but the whereabouts, the ownership, and the pedigree of almost every particle are on record. There is a possible secret store in the hands of the Belgians, who held a world monopoly until 1929, when Gilbert Labine discovered the Eldorado mine on Great Bear Lake.

Radium is a pure element in a violent state of disintegration. Its atoms are constantly exploding with frightful force, but their number is so great that scientists compute it will take 19,000 years before every atom of any given particle of radium has exploded.

A millionth of an ounce of radium injected into a human body is enough to cause death by the disintegration of the tissues. Yet it is this ability to destroy living tissues which make radium valuable in fighting cancer. If radium can be focussed upon malignant growths, the cancer is demolished.

About one out of every ten persons who reach the age of 35 will die of cancer. Because there is so little radium, very few cancer victims will be able to receive the radium treatment. Every new radium unit, therefore, promises relief for thousands. Hence the extraordinary importance of the discovery of radium in Canada, and the official celebration of the mining and refining of the first ounce.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Charles E. Durno

JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Lesson for February 7th, John 9: 1-11.

Golden Text: John 8:12.

The significance of our lesson theme is well expressed by Holman Hunt's striking painting, "The Light of the World." The picture represents the Master clad in a priestly robe over which there hangs a royal outer garment fit only for kings. The latter is fastened with a wondrous brooch. One side is studded like Aaron's breast-plate, with the twelve stones of the tribes of Israel, and so represents the Covenant of the Law. On the other side flash the stones of the foundations of the New Jerusalem, a reminder of the Covenant of Grace. Between them, with an arm stretched out to each, is a Cross, a testimony to the sublime truth that in Jesus' death both the old and the new find their ultimate meaning.

Upon the head of Jesus are two crowns, one of gold, a token of his right to rule, and the other of thorns, placed there by his enemies as a symbol of their hate. But one notes, upon close inspection, that these thorns have miraculously blossomed into leaves "that shall be for the healing of the nations."

In his left hand the Savior holds a lantern to guide him through the thickly wooded wild he has entered. His right hand is placed upon a door long shut, for the lengthy stems of hardy shoots have firmly entrenched themselves upon it. And it is suggestive that no knob appears. The artist seems to want to say, "When Christ knocks at the door of human heart, it must be opened from the inside!"

The whole appealing composition, with its elaborate detail and lovely coloring, superbly heralds, in pictorial speech, the glorious words of our Golden Text, "I am the light of the world." It reminds us that even more of that other noble verse, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

THE ABC'S OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Since the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act and the Old Age Benefits section of the Federal Social Security Act went into effect about the same time, many people have confused the provisions of these two laws.

The Texas Unemployment Compensation Act should be studied by itself, forgetting for the moment the Federal Social Security Law, if you really wish to understand it. To try to clear up some of the most frequently asked questions about the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, we present herewith in simple question and answer form the essential information.

"What employers pay the tax under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act?"

All employers who, during 1936, had eight or more people working for them during any part of twenty different weeks must pay the tax under the Texas Law. However, certain occupations are completely exempted from the law. These exemptions are agriculture, government work, domestic service in a private home, non-profit organizations, such as a Community Chest, and agents of insurance companies who are paid on a commission basis. In addition, a father working for a son, his wife, or his daughter, or a child working for his parents, is exempt.

"If I am an employer under the Act, how much do I pay the Texas Commission?"

By February 25 you must pay the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission, Austin, a contribution equal to nine-tenths of one percent of your total 1936 payroll.

"Does the employer pay this tax or does he take it out of the wages of his workers?"

The employer must pay the full amount of this tax. The Texas law specifically prohibits the employer from deducting this tax from the wages of his workers, and provides fines and jail sentences for employers who do deduct the tax from the wages paid.

"I don't have eight workers; during twenty different weeks in the year, yet I want to come under the law. What must I do?"

If you don't employ eight or more workers during twenty different weeks in the year, or if you are engaged in one of the exempted occupations, such as farming, then you can apply to the Texas Commission for permission to come under the Act. You will have to sign up for a period of at least two years before your application will be accepted. The employer, and not the workers, must sign the application volunteering to come under the law.

If you have any other questions concerning this Act—or its administration, you are invited to write to R. B. Anderson, Chairman, Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission, Austin, for complete information.

SCRANTON NOTES

Mrs. W. A. Anderson of Fort Worth visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

Bill Blalock and Jack Shrader who have employment with Montgomery-Ward Co., Fort Worth, spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Neil Pippin and Joe Coats of Dothan were business visitors here Monday.

Mrs. Bernard O'Brien and infant daughter, Wanda Frances, of the Scott Ranch, are spending a few days with Mrs. O'Brien's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls, Sr.

A number of folks from here were at Atwell and Putnam Monday signing up for their checks in the farm program.

The teacherage has been moved from Dan Horn to Scranton and is being canvassed and repaired with other repairs. When finished it will be used as a home economics building.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen visited their son, Chester and family, north of Cisco Friday.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL

The proposal for the United States to dig a second canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans is again before Congress. It is an interesting idea, and to which is worth giving careful consideration.

For many years the United States has had a concession from Nicaragua for a canal across that country. Engineers have reported on it favorably. The Army and Navy have made extensive surveys and are agreed upon its military value. The only question now is whether we need a second canal in addition to the one at Panama, and whether it would be worth what it cost.

The navy people would like to have it. Our present naval setup is one big fleet, based on San Diego, California, to protect both our coasts. If we did not have the Panama canal, making it easy to move ships quickly from one coast to the other, we would have to maintain two navies, one in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific.

Lately there has been a good deal of alarm expressed about the danger of the Panama canal being blocked by a landslide or an earthquake, and the suggestion has been put forth that it would be too easy, in case of war, for enemy aircraft to blow up the canal locks.

There is more to the Nicaragua canal plan, however, than merely providing a second string in case of war. It would cut more than 1,000 miles off the navigating distance between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and so would shorten the voyage for freight and passengers by two days or more, at corresponding reductions in cost. It is also much nearer to United States territory, at each end, and so easier to defend against foreign attack.

It would take about \$700,000,000 and 10 years to dig the Nicaragua canal. Ten years is certainly not too far to look ahead. As money goes in these days, \$700,000,000 a year does not seem like too much to spend on a project as useful as the Nicaragua canal.—Selected.

Quickest Way to Ease a COLD



The modern way to ease a cold is this: Two Bayer Aspirin tablets at a moment you feel a cold coming on. Repeat, if necessary, in two hours. If you also have a sore throat as a result of the cold, dissolve 3 Bayer tablets in 1/2 glass of water and gargle with this twice. The Bayer Aspirin you take internally will act to combat fever, aches, pains which usually accompany a cold. The gargle will provide almost instant relief from soreness and rawness of your throat. Your doctor will feel sure, will approve this modern way. Ask your druggist for genuine Bayer Aspirin by its full name — not by the name "aspirin" alone.

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TODAY AND TOMORROW

Frank Parker Stockbridge

PRICES

A familiar old specter is beginning to haunt most of us again. We used to know him so well that we called him by his initials, "H.C.L."—which stand for High Cost of Living. I saw some statistics the other day which show that in the past four years, since the spring of 1933, food costs to the consumer have gone up 40 percent, men's clothing has risen more than 20 percent and rents are up nearly 25 percent.

Nobody would kick much if wages and salaries were going up in the same proportion, but they're not. Few of us have as much left after paying for the necessities of life as we had a year ago. No wonder that workers in every line of industry are demanding higher pay. That won't do them much good, though, if higher pay results in still higher prices, higher prices.

PROFITS

Most business men find it hard to learn that they can earn larger profits by selling goods at lower prices than by trying to keep prices up. That is true in retailing as well as in manufacturing. Automobile makers discovered long ago that they could pay top wages, improve their cars from year to year, and still keep on reducing prices. It's all a matter of volume.

The railroads didn't like it when the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered passenger fares reduced to two cents a mile last June; but the B. & O. reports after 6 months that it has carried 61 percent more passengers and increased its revenue 18 percent, at an additional cost of only 6 percent.

I can't, as a consumer, sympathize with efforts to protect the profits of the inefficient by encouraging price-fixing. Without free competition the cost of living will always go up faster than incomes rise.

LUMBER

A lot of what we pay for most things is the cost of getting goods into our hands. I ran into an illustration of the size of this big country of ours and the distances goods have to travel, the other day when I wanted some clear lumber to put up a few shelves in my house. There wasn't a board to be had in any lumber yard in the neighborhood.

"All good lumber comes from the Pacific Coast," one dealer explained. "It comes by water, and the shipping strike has stopped all shipments for months. I've got a consignment coming by rail, but it will cost you more."

It did. The railroad rate for the 3,000 mile haul put the price of lumber at Atlantic ports up nearly a half. Instead of \$7 a hundred feet, I had to pay \$10. I don't wonder that so many substitutes for lumber are coming into use.

STAMPS

When I was a boy I began to collect postage stamps. Fifty years ago it was a simpler and less expensive hobby than it is today. I wish I had kept that stamp collection of the 1880's, for I had some items which are so rare nowadays that collectors have paid thousands of dollars for their like.

I have a friend who cashed in on his knowledge of stamp values only a week or two ago. He had been in correspondence with a high official in the government of Afghanistan. He found himself short of money in Washington, where he knew nobody whom he could ask to cash a check. He had to get back to New York.

He had with him his latest letter from Afghanistan. He telephoned the stamp editor of a Washington paper and asked for the name of the most reliable stamp dealer. He took his Afghanistan letter to the dealer, who offered him \$40 for the envelope and stamp! That paid his hotel bill, his fare back to New York.

WAR

My friends who make it their business to know what is going on under the surface of world affairs are telling me that the civil war in Spain is just the beginning of another general European war, in which Italy and Germany will be lined up together, with Russia on the other side, and France and Great Britain trying to keep out, but probably both getting into it.

I don't see how this country is likely to be directly involved, but such a war certainly would do us no good in the long run. It would upset the economic equilibrium of the world, though for a while it would stimulate our trade with Europe.

For my part, I can't see how all the neutrality resolutions which Congress can pass can prevent us from selling supplies to nations at war. If we have the goods they want and they have the money to pay for them, I don't imagine considerations of neutrality will make our farmers refuse to sell food or cotton, or our manufacturers decline European offers for shoes or motor cars.

In time of war, a lot of peace goods become war goods.

Cows

"Since we've moved to the country," explained the hostess proudly, "we raise nearly everything we eat. We even keep our own cow."

"Well," said the small son of the guest, setting down his glass disgustedly, "somebody stung you with a sour cow."

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FARM NOTES

(ROSS B. JENKINS, County Agent)

Cottonwood Agricultural Assn. Forms Melon Pool

At the regular monthly meeting of the Cottonwood Agricultural Association held Monday night, February 1st, and presided over by President H. S. Varner, a movement was launched and subscribed to by some twenty growers present to grow watermelons this year. It was pointed out by Steve Foster that even as dry as the summer was the past year he netted \$40 per acre from his watermelons. Steve says he plants his melons in checks of 20 feet each.

Forty acres or more were pooled at the meeting and many farmers that will enter the pool were hindered from being in attendance because of the unusually cold weather that night. Thirty-five or more men and women were present and heard Mr. Varner explain the watermelon movement and also reports that the West Texas Utility Company were planning a survey to see if as many as four per mile could be obtained for a power line to reach into Cottonwood.

The Strahan brothers have demonstrated that watermelons grow successfully at Cottonwood and no reason is seen why the Cottonwood-Cross Plains sandy sections could not rival the sister neighborhood of De Leon in the production of this crop that comes at a time when farmers are in dire need of a cash crop.

Some 15 farmers met at the home of J. C. Barton, who lives 2 miles south and one west from Dudley, to inspect his trench silos. Mr. Barton told the group that he didn't have much faith in the silos but decided to build one as an experiment. As he finished filling the first one the first hard frost had killed all remaining feed and he saw that he would soon lose its value. He then built his second silo and filled it with the frost bitten hegari. Mr. Barton said when the heavy sleet was on last week he opened one of his trenches and was surprised to find the feed in a better condition than when he put it in the silo. His sheep liked it so well that they stood at the fence and bleated for more. Another surprising result was that his cows increased their milk production during the very coldest of the weather.

Mr. Barton's two trenches are 60 feet long, 8 feet wide and 4 feet deep. They hold about 46 tons. Mr. Barton says he plans to put practically all his feed in trench silos from now on. Many of his neighbors have become sold also because of his accomplishment. Mr. Barton says, "This is the finest thing I have ever found for a farmer and it is so cheap and easy to have." He further stated that it took an experienced stacker to put up a good stack but anybody could lay bundles of feed and cut the binds into a trench silo.

Hogs Aid 4-H Boy To Attend A. & M.
Durward Varner, one of the first 4-H boys who enrolled in the fall of 1933, makes an interesting report about his achievement. Durward says, "During the fall of 1933 I worked and made enough money to purchase five pigs. I fed these pigs out during the fall of 1933 and the spring of 1934 and cleared \$10 a piece. With this money I bought a sow with eight pigs five days old which cost me \$40. I bought feed with the other \$10. During the summer of 1935, at your suggestion, I borrowed \$60 from the bank and bought a supply of barley at 35 cents

Scenes in Auto Strike Tangle



DETROIT... Above are motor and labor officials in 15 hour conference with Governor Frank Murphy, in attempt to find ground for truce in untangling the strike of auto workers in General Motors plants. They are, (left to right), Wm. S. Knudsen of General Motors; Governor Murphy, James F. Dewey, federal mediator, Homer Martin, J. A. Wyndham and John Brophy of the workers' Committee for Industrial Organization. Below: Scene as 'sit-down' strikers marched from a Detroit plant following first truce agreement.

a bushel and corn for 40 cents and fed out this bunch of hogs along with four shoats that I bought for \$26. One hog that I bought for \$10 after keeping for two weeks, I sold for \$22. After two months I sold the four shoats for \$60, the sow for \$26, and in December I sold the eight pigs for \$50. Through the summer months, therefore, I cleared \$88 the only cost being a little labor which I couldn't have sold for anything at that time. Therefore, I started two years ago, borrowed \$60 and sold out for \$158. That was enough to start me into Texas A. & M. He believes that other 4-H Club boys can do as well or better than I did with my hog project and I believe that the farmers at Cottonwood could well afford to think more seriously of hog production. Your friend, very truly, Durward Varner."

The county agent has been very proud of Durward ever since his acquaintance in the fall of 1933 and has had many enjoyable hours in his company, especially while en route to the Short Course held annually at A. & M. College. Boys like Durward are bound to go places and it is the belief of the county agent that the 4-H Club work has helped Durward to make up his mind to attend college.

Watermelon Meeting Called Feb. 12 at Cottonwood

All farmers who wish to join in the newly formed Cottonwood-Cross Plains watermelon growers association are invited by President Varner to meet in Cottonwood Friday night, Feb. 12, to perfect the organization and to find out how many bushels of seed and what variety of melons will be grown. Many of the Atwell members have pledged from two to five acres and members around Cottonwood are expecting to swell the acreage to, at least, one hundred this year. By this means truckers will be glad to visit the area for that large an acreage will insure a prompt loading any time they come down.

Marvin Rutland Oplin 4-H Club President

The first Oplin 4-H Club to be organized met Tuesday, January 25, and elected Marvin Rutland president, Charley Tom Straley vice-president, Troy Mask secretary, and Avlon Barton reporter. The club elected Chas. D. Straley as club leader and Professor Bill Taylor as local sponsor. At the end of the month the club enrollment was thirty members. Almost every member was in attendance at Baird January 25 at the Farmer-4-H special meet.

Superintendent Barrington said that boys who complete their records and receive approval on their work from the county agent will be granted one-fourth credit toward graduation from the high school.

Secretary Troy Mask says "We are out to make all demonstrations profitable and this club a winner."

SHIPMENT OF CATTLE TO FORT WORTH LESS

Cattle shipment to Fort Worth was less in December than in the same month last year. Shipped to Fort Worth in December by rail 11,373 against shipment by trucks 44,363, making a total for the month of December of 55,736, against rail shipments in December 1935 of 18,084 with truck shipments of 49,216 making a total for December 1935 of 67,300. Shipment of sheep to the Fort Worth market during December 1936, of 14,926 as compared with 17,238 in December 1935. Calves shipped to Fort Worth in December by rail were 8,286 against 36,094 by truck, making a total of 44,380 as compared with shipments by rail in December 1935 of 11,008 against 30,398 for trucks, making a total of 44,006.

Hogs shipped by rail 3,887 as compared with 38,470 by trucks, making a total for December 1936, of 42,357 as compared with 4,203 shipped by rail in December 1935, as compared to 23,089 shipped by trucks making a total of 27,292 for December.

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raises a family he is a chump, if he raises a small check he is a thief, and the law raises hell with him.

If he is a poor man, he is a bad manager, and has no sense; if he is a rich man he is considered dishonest, but smart.

If he is in politics, you can't place him; but he is an undesirable citizen.

If he goes to church, he is a hypocrite; if he stays away from church, he is a sinner and damned.

If he donates to foreign missions he does it for a show; if he doesn't he is a tight way and stingy.

When he first comes into this world everybody wants to kiss him.

If he dies young he had a great future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age he is in the way and only living to save funeral expenses.

This is a hard road, but we all like to travel it just the same.

A certain doctor was called in to see a minister of the gospel in a small town a short time ago, and after the minister had recovered he met the doctor on the streets and said:

"Doctor, what do I owe you?"
Doctor: "Well, I don't guess you owe me anything, as we will exchange services. You are laboring to keep me out of hell and I am working trying to keep you out of heaven."

PNEUMONIA OFTEN FOLLOWS A COLD

AUSTIN. — Pneumonia is always a serious disease, and early treatment is of paramount importance to lessen the severity of the disease and prevent death, is the warning issued by Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"A person previously well may develop pneumonia suddenly," he said, "but most often it occurs in persons who have, or who recently have had, a cold. Yet many people do not take the cold seriously enough. Suspect every cold. Go to bed immediately if you have fever with a cold, call your physician, and do exactly what he says. By intelligently following your physician's advice at the beginning of the attack, you may ward off the after effects which so often follow neglected colds—pneumonia among them."

"Almost any part of the air passage may sometimes be attacked by bacteria. When the nose is affected we call the condition a cold. The tissues of the nose react to such infection by a profuse mucous discharge or mucus liquid. This discharge is really an attempt on the part of the body to get rid of the germs and their poisons. If the infection is lower down, it causes a sore throat. If the germs reach the bronchi, the disease is known as bronchitis. If the germs get down to the lungs, the person affected has pneumonia. Thus it may be seen that the common cold may be the beginning of one of the most serious complications of the respiratory tract."

"These respiratory diseases may be avoided many times by establishing individual health measures. Help prevent colds and pneumonia by proper personal hygiene. Eat moderately, drink plenty of pure water, and sleep 8 to 10 hours every night with windows open. Do not allow the temperature of your home of working place to exceed 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Wash your hands frequently, especially before eating. Take some exercise out of doors every day, and avoid fatigue and unnecessary exposure to cold weather and rain."

"Watch your health habits and avoid a cold if possible—but if colds develop, take care of them and avoid complications of pneumonia."

ZION HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baker and daughter, Marie, and R. B. Taylor made a business trip to Baird Monday.

Miss La Vada Standridge, who has been visiting in Oklahoma with relatives and friends for the past four months, has returned to Mrs. J. A. Heyser's. We are glad to have La Vada back with us and hope she won't take such a stay next time. Welcome home La Vada!

J. L. Baker spent last week in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Horton and family of Clyde.

J. C. Clements was a Baird visitor Monday.

Alta Clemmer and Miss Marie Baker attended the theatre in Cisco Saturday night.

Miss Ola Tatum spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey.

The people of the community seem to be going into the cream business right. Mrs. S. F. Ingram is the proud owner of a new cream separator.

R. B. Taylor, Jack Ramsey and J. L. Baker made a business trip to Eastland Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Nina Morgan has returned home after spending a week in the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Morgan and family of Merkel.

Harold Morgan and Don Swafford of Merkel are visiting in the home of T. L. Ramsey of Putnam and with relatives and friends of Zion Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sprawls are the happy parents of a baby girl born January 28.

TOM HUNTER DAMAGE SUIT IS REVERSED

Tom Hunter, who made his third campaign for governor in 1936 and was defeated, later filed suit against the Houston Post for one hundred thousand dollars damages and was awarded \$15,000. The court reversed the case and sent it back for a new trial. The appellate court held that the district court erred in three allegedly damaging editorials to the jury. It also criticized the trial court for submitting the entire libel law in statute form to the jury, rather than explaining only the points pertaining to the case. Hunter claimed the editorials were damaging to his reputation.

15 CARS LIVESTOCK CONSIGNED TO ALABAMA

A news story carried in the Abilene Morning News February 3 states there were fifteen cars of livestock consigned to Alabama and other eastern states from Vernon recently after an auction. Such sales will be held there thrice weekly to care for the large volume of stock offered. The sales plan was started there a year ago and has expanded steadily. Current demand for cattle, hogs, horses and mules is strong.

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GRIGG'S HOSPITAL NOTES

Marvin Swenson, son of Bob Swenson of Baird, entered Tuesday night undergoing an emergency operation for appendicitis.

E. P. Sullivan, fireman of the Texas Pacific railroad, entered Tuesday night suffering from influenza and pneumonia.

Mrs. Ernest Windham of Oplin was a medical patient this week.

Patty Mae Million of Oplin, daughter of W. E. Million, entered the hospital Friday suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. Bob Darby of Baird, who had surgery last week, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, who has been suffering from gall bladder trouble, is improving.

Rosa Mae Tatum, daughter of Willis Tatum of Belle Plains, left the hospital Saturday following an attack of pneumonia.

About three dozen Mason fruit jars for sale. See Mrs. Mina Cook at her home one block west of bank building.

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- PURE PORK SAUSAGE, lb. 20c
- APRICOTS, Gal., Wt. 6 lbs..8 oz. 60c
- RIBBON CANE SYRUP 55c
- TOMATO JUICE, 2 cans 15c
- SALT BACON, lb. 19c
- SMOKED BACON, lb. 25c
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